

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB905

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Educational Improvement Scholarships Tax; eligible schools; requirements.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require that, in order to receive funds derived from the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit, nonpublic schools that are not accredited by the Virginia Council for Private Education must maintain student assessment systems that use national norm-referenced achievement tests that are approved by the Board of Education. Current law does not require such norm-referenced tests to be Board approved.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would clarify what types of achievement tests are allowed to be used to determine nonpublic school eligibility for participation in the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit program. The bill is not anticipated to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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