

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Patron** T. Monty Mason

3. **Committee** House Finance

4. **Title** Income Tax; Neighborhood Assistance Act
Tax Credits

2. **Bill Number** HB 917

House of Origin:

X **Introduced**

 Substitute

 Engrossed

Second House:

 In Committee

 Substitute

 Enrolled

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill would reduce the amount of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit from 65 percent of the value of donations to neighborhood organizations for Taxable Years 2012 through 2016 to 60 percent for Taxable Year 2017; 55 percent for Taxable Year 2018; and 50 percent for Taxable Year 2019 and taxable years thereafter.

The effective date of this bill is not specified.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact. (See Line 8.)

8. Fiscal implications:

Administrative Costs

The Department of Taxation ("the Department"), the Department of Education ("DOE"), and the Department of Social Services ("DSS") consider implementation of this bill as routine, and do not require additional funding.

Revenue Impact

This bill would have no General Fund revenue impact. Under current law, the total amount of tax credits that may be granted to neighborhood organizations for each fiscal year is subject to an annual fiscal year cap. The Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit is currently oversubscribed. Based on the amount of credits requested in recent years, the credit cap would continue to be met, even if the credit percentages are reduced.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Education
Department of Social Services
Department of Taxation

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments:

Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Act provides an income tax credit to business firms and individuals that donate to neighborhood organizations for approved programs that benefit impoverished people. Under this Act, a neighborhood organization is allocated funding through the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Education are responsible for approving programs proposed by neighborhood organizations and allocating Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credits to neighborhood organizations with approved programs. A business firm or individual that makes a donation to a neighborhood organization for an approved program is then eligible to receive an income tax credit from that neighborhood organization.

The amount of the credit for a business firm or individual who donates professional services is equal to 65 percent of the value of the money, property, professional services, or contracting services donated by such taxpayer to a neighborhood organization for an approved program. No credit less than \$400 may be granted to a business firm or individual who provides professional services for any donation. Therefore, a business firm or individual who provides professional services must make a donation with a value of at least \$616 to meet the minimum credit threshold, and receive an allocation of credits.

The amount of the credit for an individual who makes a monetary donation or marketable securities donation to a neighborhood organization for an approved program is equal to 65 percent of the value of such donation. To receive an allocation of credits, an individual is required to make a donation of at least \$500. For purposes of determining the amount of credits allocated to an individual, the value of the individual's donation is limited to the lesser of the actual value of the donation or \$125,000. The \$125,000 cap on the value of donations caps the credit at \$81,250 per taxpayer.

Under current law, the total amount of credits that may be granted to such neighborhood organizations for each fiscal year is subject to an annual cap in the following amounts:

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 (and after)
Education Proposals	\$8 million	\$8.5 million	\$9 million
Other Proposals	\$7 million	\$7.5 million	\$8 million
TOTAL	\$15 million	\$16 million	\$17 million

The Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit is currently oversubscribed. The chart below lists the amount of credits requested by neighborhood organizations wishing to

obtain an allocation of credits and the annual credit cap for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2016:

	Education Proposals		Other Proposals	
Fiscal Year	Credits Requested	Annual Cap	Credits Requested	Annual Cap
2014	\$11.1 million	\$8.0 million	\$18.5 million	\$7.0 million
2015	\$17.8 million	\$8.5 million	\$22.2 million	\$7.5 million
2016	\$19.4 million	\$9 million	\$26.7 million	\$8 million
Total	\$48.3 million	\$24.5 million	\$67.4 million	\$35.0 million

Proposed Legislation

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Similar Bills

House Bill 742 would permanently extend and expand a provision of the Neighborhood Assistance Act that provides a waiver for certain requirements imposed on neighborhood organizations.

House Bill 1014 and **Senate Bill 422** would increase the annual fiscal year cap for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit to \$22 million, with \$11 million allocated to education proposals and \$11 million allocated to other proposals; and eliminate the requirement that at least 10 percent of the available amount of tax credits each year be allocated to neighborhood organizations that did not receive allocations in the preceding year.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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