

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB588

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Suetterlein

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); charter schools.

5. Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 8, 2016, election to approve or reject an amendment to grant the Board of Education the authority to establish charter schools within the school divisions of the Commonwealth, subject to any criteria or conditions that the General Assembly may prescribe.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 86 (Electoral Services).

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$131,158	0.00	GF
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-
2021	\$0	0.00	-
2022	\$0	0.00	-

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 30-19.9, Code of Virginia, requires the State Board of Elections to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about constitutional amendments. The estimated one-time cost relating to one amendment is \$131,158, which is based on the cost of advertising and printing for proposed 2014 constitutional amendments. This amount consists of approximately \$129,403 in newspaper advertising costs and \$1,755 for printing costs of pamphlets and posters.

According to the Department of Education (DOE), the agency may experience a significant increase in the number of inquiries related to information on charter schools. This additional workload is expected to be absorbed by DOE's current staff. However, if the referendum passes, the agency expects the number of charter school applications to increase, which may be difficult for its current staff to manage for the Board of Education; therefore, additional staff at DOE may be required.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB3 (Robert Bell).