

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB740

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| 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: Surovell

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Access to electronic textbooks and adequate connectivity.

5. Summary: Prohibits school boards from making electronic textbooks available for use by students in their residence unless the school board adopts a plan to ensure that by July 1, 2019, every student in the local school division will have access to (i) a personal computing device capable of supporting such textbooks and (ii) adequate connectivity, which the bill defines as bandwidth of at least one megabit per second per student. The bill permits a local school board to establish a pilot program for the use of electronic textbooks at any secondary school in the local school division provided that (a) each student at the secondary school has access to a personal computing device capable of supporting such textbooks, (b) each student at the secondary school has access to adequate connectivity, and (c) the secondary school is receiving federal funds pursuant to Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or no more than five percent of the students in the local school division or 300 students, whichever is greater, participate in the pilot program. The provisions of this act would not apply to any program established by the Henry County School Board prior to July 1, 2015.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact from this legislation. Any potential fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.