

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1805

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: Bell, John J.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Certain school divisions; plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten.

5. Summary: Requires each local school board that does not offer a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division to develop a plan to fund and phase in a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division and submit the plan to the General Assembly in advance of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation requires local school boards to develop a plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten and to submit this plan to the General Assembly. These plans will not have a state fiscal impact.

If the affected school divisions implement full-day kindergarten, there would be no state fiscal impact. Currently, as long as a school division's kindergarten pupil/teacher ratio is less than 30 to one, a student attending either a half-day kindergarten program or a full-day kindergarten program is counted as 1.00 in the division's average daily membership (ADM) count. Per § 22.1-253.13:2, Code of Virginia, school divisions offering half-day kindergarten with pupil/teacher ratios that exceed 30 to one shall adjust their kindergarten ADM to reflect 85 percent of the total kindergarten ADM; however, currently there are not any divisions whose ADM values are adjusted under this provision. A requirement that all divisions offer only full-day kindergarten would not affect the funding paid from the state to local school divisions based on ADM, nor would it affect local match requirements.

If the affected school divisions implement full-day kindergarten, divisions may need to provide additional resources, hire additional staff, or add classroom space in order to accommodate full-day kindergarten versus half-day kindergarten. The actual fiscal impact would vary by locality and cannot be determined at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None