

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2434

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: Rasoul

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Department of Education; community schools.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education to establish an interagency task force composed of state and local agencies and entities in the areas of early childhood development, health, social services, community engagement, family engagement, higher education, and workforce development for the purpose of developing a pilot program for the establishment of community schools whereby public elementary and secondary schools serve as centers for the provision of such community programs and services to students and their families as may be necessary based on the unique needs of the student population to be served. The bill requires such pilot program to include a process by which school boards and community partnerships may apply to the Department of Education to designate an elementary or secondary school in the local school division as a community school. The bill also establishes a special nonreverting fund in the state treasury for the purpose of providing planning grants for school boards who seek to apply to the Department of Education through such pilot program for community school designation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Items 134 and 138.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a task force, but it does not indicate the size of the task force, including the make-up of state and local officials and the magnitude of citizen members. It is unclear whether or not DOE will be responsible for reimbursing task force members for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; however, if DOE is responsible for such expenses, the agency could incur additional costs estimated between \$250-\$420 per member per day. Any actual costs are indeterminate and will be based on the number of task force members and the location and frequency of meetings. Additionally, DOE would be responsible for administering the community schools pilot program created by this task force. To appropriately operate the task force and provide required administration of the pilot program, DOE anticipates the need for a wage position and support costs. An estimated total general fund cost of \$75,000 per year would be needed to support the requirements of this bill.

Any costs associated with providing grants to local school divisions from the Community Schools Planning Fund is dependent on the level of general fund support provided by the General Assembly for this initiative. Other initiatives supporting new grant programs typically have been funded in the \$100,000 to \$500,000 range.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None