

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

2018 General Assembly Session

Bill: SB126

Patron: Cosgrove, Jr.

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In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

Bill Summary:

Requires all school divisions to administer a minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the driver education curriculum. Currently, such component is required only in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia). The bill allows for school divisions to administer such component in-person or online, except for schools in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), where the component must still be administered in-person.

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**Executive Summary:**

Provisions of SB126 requires all school division to administer a minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the driver education curriculum in-person or online. Localities have evaluated a negative fiscal impact ranging from \$0.00 - \$1,000.00. Only one locality noted that the bill would impose a net expenditure on its finances in order to implement the program. Those expenditures would be for additional staff time (including outside of contracted work hours), materials, and resources. The other two localities that responded already provide such a program; and, therefore, indicated that the bill would not impose any additional expenditures upon them.

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**Local Analysis:**

**Locality:** City of Harrisonburg

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$1,000.00

Cost estimate per year for this unfunded mandate to the school division would be for staff resources outside of contracted hours, materials and resources to implement such a program for each High School. Getting parents to attend such workshops needs to be done outside of contracted hours in the evening or on weekends. As such, we would need to pay our staff to plan and lead such workshops at least 3-6 times per year.

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Locality: County of Henrico

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

There is no financial cost to Henrico County Public Schools, because this service is already offered to all parents with students in driver education classes.

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**Locality:** Fairfax County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No impact, because this is already a requirement in Northern Virginia.

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