

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB332

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Department of Education; pilot program; reading diagnostic tests and instruction.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a geographically representative two-year pilot program to administer reading diagnostic tests that include all components of a normed rapid automatized naming test. Requires each local school division in the pilot program to provide evidence-based instruction, including structured literacy instruction, to students in kindergarten through grade three who fall below the benchmark on any such reading diagnostic test or demonstrate deficiencies based on their individual performance on the Standards of Learning reading test. Requires the Department of Education to report to the Governor and General Assembly, no later than December 1, 2022, on the outcomes of the pilot program and the necessary resources for statewide implementation of such tests and instruction.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 139.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) estimates an additional state cost between \$298,700 and \$791,700 in FY 2021 and \$6,204 in FY 2022 to implement the provisions of this bill. This estimate assumes a pilot program with 16 participating school divisions, with each Superintendent's Region represented by two divisions. This estimate also assumes use of the Rapid Automatized Naming/Rapid Alternating Stimulus (RAN/RAS) test.

In the first year, DOE will need to purchase testing kits for all participating elementary schools. A kit includes an examiner's manual, 50 examiner record forms, and a card pack. DOE estimates a cost of \$165 per kit, four kits per elementary school, and 145 elementary schools in the pilot program for a total cost of approximately \$95,700. In the second year of the pilot, additional examiner record forms will need to be purchased at an estimated cost of \$6,204. This cost assumes approximately 4,700 students in the pilot and 50 forms per examiner record form booklet at a cost of \$66 per booklet.

Additionally, DOE will need to train teachers on the use of structured literacy and interventions. A number of different training models are available, which range in cost from \$350 per teacher to \$1,200 per teacher. Assuming each elementary school will need to train four teachers to provide assessments and perform interventions, the cost to train teachers at approximately 145 elementary schools in the pilot may range from \$203,000 to 696,000 in FY 2021.

Any cost to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None