

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1146

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Bell

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:**    Commercial driver's license examinations.

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes school boards to issue a commercial driver's license skills test certificate to employees of other school boards.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under the current law, school boards are allowed only to test drivers they employ or have trained in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Guide. This bill expands this authority to allow school boards to not only test drivers they train and employ, but any driver employed by a school board and trained in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Curriculum Guide.

Not all school divisions are certified third-party testers and are therefore not able to test their own employees or those that they train. In addition to utilizing DMV testing sites, school divisions who are not certified third-party testers would be eligible to partner with school divisions who are certified third-party testers and test using their facilities. The bill will increase testing location options for school divisions, which will expedite the training and certification process for school bus drivers. Any tests performed by school division staff will allow DMV personnel to assist other customers.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, local school divisions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB628.