

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB117ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Requirements for examinations and the issuance of licenses

5. Summary: The bill requires, before an applicant is permitted to take the Virginia bar exam, that the applicant furnish to the Board of Bar Examiners satisfactory evidence that he has satisfactorily completed legal studies amounting to at least five semesters, or the equivalent of at least five semesters on a system other than a semester system, of full-time study at a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board of Bar Examiners. Under current law, an applicant is required to have completed all degree requirements of such law school.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Board of Bar Examiners (VBBE), the bill will likely result in an increased number of February applicants for the bar exam and an increased cost for rental space to host the exam. However, VBBE anticipates the increase in February applicants will be offset by a corresponding decrease in July exam applicants, therefore the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the VBBE.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Bar Examiners

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None