

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1820

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

2. **Patron:** Avoli

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** Virtual school programs; virtual through-year growth assessment administration.

5. **Summary:** Permits, subject to certain enumerated conditions, any student enrolled in a virtual school program to take any through-year growth assessment required pursuant to relevant law in a virtual setting that best meets the educational needs of the student.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 131.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
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| 2024 | \$1,028,145 | General Fund |
| 2025 | \$876,822 | General Fund |
| 2026 | \$876,822 | General Fund |
| 2027 | \$876,822 | General Fund |
| 2028 | \$876,822 | General Fund |
| 2029 | \$876,822 | General Fund |
| 2030 | \$876,822 | General Fund |

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education would need to contract with a testing vendor to provide remote proctoring software as a part of the online testing software and test administration management services. DOE estimates an additional state cost of \$989,640 for setup, hosting, and maintenance of the remote hosting software and \$38,505 for test administration in fiscal year 2024. This is based on Spring 2022 enrollment in Multidivisional Online Provider programs and an assumed per student cost of \$7.25 for administration.

Beginning in fiscal year 2025, DOE estimates an on-going additional state cost of \$876,822 for hosting, maintenance, and administration.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: If funding is provided on July 1, 2023, DOE does not believe it is feasible to develop and implement the proctoring software by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Virtual high-stakes assessments administered outside of a school building introduce a security risk related to secure test content. Test security breaches could be very costly to VDOE's state assessment program.