

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2031

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

**2. Patron:** Roem

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Department of Education; establishment of Farm to School Program Task Force.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to establish and appoint such members as it deems necessary or appropriate to the Farm to School Program Task Force for the purpose of increasing student access throughout the Commonwealth to high-quality farm to school programs, defined in the bill as programs (i) whereby public schools purchase and feature prominently in school meals locally produced food or (ii) that involve experiential student learning opportunities relating to local food and agriculture, including school and community garden programs and local farm visits. The bill requires the Task Force to collaborate with local school boards, community-based organizations, farmers, relevant state and local agencies, and other relevant stakeholders to (a) assess existing farm to school programs within and outside the Commonwealth to identify and disseminate to each local schoolboard best practices for implementing and sustaining such programs, (b) establish and distribute to each local school board a guidance document for the establishment and operation of school garden programs, (c) provide information and resources to each local school board to assist it in leveraging grant funds to support farm to school programs, and (d) collect such data and make such policy recommendations to local school boards, the Board of Education, and the General Assembly as it deems appropriate.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 132

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) would require additional wage staff to expand work related to farm to school food, particularly in relation to experiential student learning opportunities. DOE estimates a need for \$60,000 annually in general fund appropriation to meet the provisions of this bill.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None