

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2218

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Tran

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:**    School crossing zones; speed decrease; Planning District 8.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the governing body of a county in Planning District 8 to decrease the speed limit in a school crossing zone if the school board having jurisdiction over such school passes a resolution requesting the decrease of the speed limit in such school crossing zone. Current law authorizes such governing bodies to increase or decrease such speed limits after justification for the increase or decrease has been shown by an engineering and traffic investigation. The bill provides that the authority to increase and decrease such speed limits applies on highways in the state highway system.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill allows localities in Planning District 8 to decrease a speed limit in a school crossing zone where the local school board requests a decrease without requiring the justification of an engineering and traffic investigation. It also extends the ability to increase or decrease speed limits to highways in the state highway system. This may result in changes to existing school crossing zones or the designation of new zones. The number of such changes or new designations is indeterminate.

Under current practice, while the locality pays for the flashing school crossing zone sign, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) pays for all other related signs and markings for the school zone crossing area. This proposal may have a financial impact to VDOT resulting from costs associated with changing existing speed limit signs and/or the addition of additional warning signs or other markings. The amount of any such cost to VDOT is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation, localities in Planning District 8.

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

**11. Other Comments:** Planning District 8, includes Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax, and Arlington counties and the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, and Manassas Park