

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1173

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

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Board of Education; advanced academic opportunity programs; guidelines and policies; availability.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to develop guidelines for advanced academic opportunity programs, as defined in the bill, offered at the secondary school level (i) requiring any advanced academic opportunity program offered at any public secondary school in the Commonwealth to accept any eligible student and (ii) prohibiting the imposition of arbitrary class sizes or any other limitation that would impede the access of any otherwise eligible student to such program. The bill defines an "eligible student" as any student who has demonstrated an ability to participate and succeed in advanced academic opportunities, as determined by (a) such student's performance on a merit-based application, (b) such student's aptitude based on grades or exam results, or (c) the recommendation of a teacher. The bill requires each local schoolboard to adopt policies that are consistent with and at least as rigorous as the guidelines developed by the Board. Finally, the bill requires the Board to develop and make available to each local schoolboard the guidelines for advanced academic opportunity programs by the 2023-2024 school year and requires each local school board to develop and implement policies in accordance with the Board's guidelines by the 2025-2026 school year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 129.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education (DOE) does not currently have the staff available to develop guidelines for advanced academic work. The Department estimates it would require \$75,000 in one time support in fiscal year 2024 to support this work. Based on a July 1, 2023 enactment date it will not be possible for this work to be completed by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None