

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1088

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

2. **Patron:** Carr

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Climate change and environmental literacy; instructional materials, model policies.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to make available to each local school board instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy that are based on and include peer-reviewed scientific sources. The bill requires the Board of Education to develop, adopt, and make available to each local school board model policies and procedures, based on peer-reviewed scientific sources, pertaining to the selection of instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy, including a requirement for any such selected material to accurately portray changes in weather and climate patterns over time, the impacts of human activity on changes in weather and climate patterns, and the effects of climate change on people and resources.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 117.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) would need to hire consultants to support the work required by this bill and estimates a one-time cost of \$50,000 general fund in FY 2025 to support that work. DOE's estimate includes contracted services to assist DOE and a stakeholder committee to develop policies and procedures (\$10,000), to review existing climate change and environmental literacy instructional materials in #GoOpenVA to determine if these materials meet the developed policies (\$20,000), and to construct the new materials adoption process to be in line with the model policies (\$20,000).

Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None