Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2777S1 **Patron:** Rasoul
Bill Title: Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Education to, in consultation with experienced teachers, division-level content specialists, and subject matter experts, evaluate its current textbook review process to identify opportunities to include high-quality instructional materials. Such review shall include an assessment of challenges to current practices, opportunities for improvement, and identification of best practices, including those in other states. The Department shall provide recommendations on improvements that include (i) proposed revisions to the "Virginia's Textbook Review Process" document; (ii) improvements to the selection and training process of Virginia review teams; (iii) increased opportunities for public comment; and (iv) updates to Department procedures to support the textbook review process. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and House Committee on Appropriations by November 1, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117
Explanation: The Department of Education anticipates the need for additional one-time funding to support a stakeholder group.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one-time cost of $15,000 general fund in FY26.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	$0	$15,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	$0	$15,000	$0	$0	$0	$0

Fiscal Analysis: This bill directs the Department of Education (DOE) to consult with experienced teachers, division level content specialists, and subject matter experts to evaluate its current textbook review process. DOE anticipates one-time costs to convene stakeholder workgroups to meet this requirement. DOE estimates a cost of $15,000 general fund in FY26.

Other: This bill is similar to SB955.