Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2053S1 **Patron:** Reaser

Bill Title: Department of Education; baseline audit of education preparation programs; student

literacy instruction and the identification of students at risk for learning disabilities; report.

Bill Summary: Requires each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education that has not yet been audited in accordance with the provisions of subsection D of § 23.1-902.1 of the Code of Virginia as of July 1, 2025, to complete a self-audit for compliance with the requirements set forth in subsections B and E of § 23.1-902.1 and § 22.1-298.4 of the Code of Virginia, utilizing a rubric developed and provided by the Department of Education no later than September 1, 2026, with metrics that analyze the degree to which it has met each such requirement, and to submit the results of such audit and a plan for closing any gaps to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 123

Explanation: The Department of Education would need additional one-time funding to support a

contractor to complete the rubric required by this bill. It is anticipated that institutions

would absorb any impact to perform the self-audits.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates that \$50,000 general fund would be required in FY26 to support the work required by this bill

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a rubric for higher education institutions to use to self audit education preparation programs. DOE anticipates that a contractor would need to be hired to develop this rubric and estimates a one-time cost of \$50,000 general fund in FY26 for this work.

It is anticipated that institutions of higher education that are required to perform a self-audit per this bill would absorb any impact to complete this work.

Other: None.