

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1038

Patron: Carr

Bill Title: Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund and Program established.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund and Program, to be administered by The Office of Environmental Education, in consultation with the Department of Education and any other stakeholder that it deems appropriate, for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to any school division that seeks assistance to develop a local student environmental literacy plan.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to capitalize **Items Impacted:** 362.
the new fund.

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Education (DOE). A budget amendment is required to capitalize the new fund established in the bill.

Fiscal Summary: To capitalize the Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund, an appropriation is required. DCR and DOE may require resources. See below.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. This bill creates a new fund in the state treasury called the Virginia Student Environmental Literacy Plan Grant Fund. DCR, in consultation with DOE, is tasked with managing and administering the Fund. The bill does not identify a funding source. To capitalize the Fund, an appropriation is required.

Additionally, the provisions of this bill do not allow DCR or DOE to disburse from the Fund reasonable costs and expenses incurred in administration and management of the Fund. As such, depending on the size and scope of the program, additional resources may be required. Both DCR and DOE anticipate the need for one full-time position each to administer the provisions of the bill and provide oversight of the grant funds. DCR anticipates a cost of \$146,720 per year from the general fund to support one FTE, and DOE anticipates a cost of \$146,362 per year from the general fund to support one FTE.

Other: None.