

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB410

Patron: Reid

Bill Title: School boards; participation in SAT School Day program required; student participation; fee reductions; report.

Bill Summary: Requires each school board to participate in the SAT School Day program or any similar program offered by the College Board whereby high school students are permitted to take the SAT during regular school hours at the high school at which they are enrolled. The bill requires each school board to offer each high school junior in the school division the opportunity to take the SAT pursuant to the program at least once during either the fall testing window or the spring testing window at the public high school at which the student is enrolled, provided that no such student shall be required to participate in the program. The bill contains provisions relating to testing fee reductions for certain students. The bill also requires each school board to annually report to the Department of Education data on student participation in the program, disaggregated by student subgroup based on gender, race, family income, special education status, English language learner status, and gifted status, and requires the Department to aggregate such data and report such data no later December 1 of each year to the General Assembly.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: This bill establishes a fee reduction program with any such funds that are provided for that purpose; therefore a budget amendment is only required if funding is provided. There is no anticipated state fiscal impact to implement the required provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires school divisions to offer each high school junior the opportunity to take the SAT during regular school hours, pursuant to a program offered by the College Board. Any impact to local school divisions to implement this is indeterminate.

The bill also establishes that, with such funds as may be provided, students who demonstrate financial need but do not qualify for an SAT fee waiver shall be eligible for a fee reduction in order to take the SAT. The Department of Education (DOE) does not currently collect data on students who may need financial assistance to take the SAT. In 2025, 4,303 students qualified for the SAT Fee Waiver in Virginia, with an SAT cost of \$68. If

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a similar number of students needed financial assistance, this could cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000 dollars. Any actual impact would depend on the qualifications to demonstrate the need for financial assistance and the amount appropriated.

DOE can absorb any cost to collect the program participation data from local school divisions, aggregate the data on student participation, and report that data to the General Assembly.

DOE notes that there are a number of bills that require the Department to develop new guidelines, resources, or reports. While the work of each individual bill may be absorbed by existing staff, if several of these bills are adopted during the 2026 session, additional resources may be required.

Other: None