

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>FY2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> | <u>FY2028</u> | <u>FY2029</u> | <u>FY2030</u> | <u>FY2031</u> |
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| 201 (DOE) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Analysis: This bill makes changes to the existing Farm to School Program Task Force. The bill requires the Task Force to study and submit a report on supporting, expanding, and improving farm to school programs in the Commonwealth. The Task Force was previously supported at DOE by federal discretionary funding that is no longer available to DOE. Therefore, in order to support the Task Force in developing the report and support the ongoing expansion and improvement of farm to school programs, DOE anticipates the need for one additional position at an estimated cost of \$174,196 general fund per year beginning in FY27.

The bill also directs the report to include data collected on farm to school programs. Based on previous farm to school efforts, DOE anticipates the need to contract with the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) through Virginia Tech to provide procurement and additional data collection and analysis. DOE estimates this contract at a total cost of \$30,000 general fund. If the intent is only to provide one-time data to support the report on November 1, 2026, then this could be a one-time cost. Ongoing funding would be required to support updating data to continue to support the Task Force and farm to school programs in out years.

Other: None.