

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1017

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Bill Title: School boards; excusing students from attendance at school; grounds; verified medical reasons.

Bill Summary: Requires each school board to excuse from attendance any pupil who, for any continuous period of time not exceeding 30 school days in length, is absent from school for medical reasons as verified in writing by the student's health care provider.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: Any state impact or impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: Section 22.1-20., Code of Virginia, authorizes the Board of Education to promulgate regulations regarding the retention of pupil personnel records. Current regulations under 8VAC20-110-130 direct that a student shall be removed from the roll after 15 consecutive days of absence. If a student is removed from the rolls, then they are removed from Average Daily Membership (ADM), which means that student no longer drives state funding provided to a local school division based on ADM. At this time, any impact to ADM or state funding under Direct Aid to Public Education is indeterminate.

Other: None