

Based on an assumption of 535 national certified school psychologists in Virginia, there is an estimated initial cost of \$2,675,000 in FY27 to provide initial \$5,000 dollar awards. In subsequent years the estimated cost is \$1,337,500 annually beginning in FY28 to provide ongoing \$2,500 awards. The count of 535 nationally certified

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school psychologists in Virginia was taken from the National Association of School Psychologists state data dashboard, as the Department of Education does not currently collect information from local school divisions on nationally certified school psychologists. The actual number of nationally certified school psychologists working in local school divisions in Virginia may vary from this amount and the actual fiscal impact would depend on the number of nationally certified school psychologists that each school division reports to DOE each year, as well as the number of newly certified school psychologists.

Other: This bill is identical to HB526 as introduced.