

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB544

Patron: Askew

Bill Title: Commission on School Construction and Modernization; revisions; elimination of sunset.

Bill Summary: Eliminates the expiration date of the Commission on School Construction and Modernization, which, pursuant to current law, is set to expire on July 1, 2026. The bill also directs the Commission to (i) meet at least four times each year and post notice of the date, time, and location of each meeting on the central, publicly available electronic calendar maintained by the Commonwealth in accordance with applicable law; (ii) update annually the statewide needs estimate for construction and modernization of school facilities; (iii) develop and deliver by November 1, 2026, a 10-year capital roadmap; and (iv) collaborate with early childhood care and education Ready Regions and comprehensive community colleges in the Commonwealth to collect and evaluate data relating to Ready Region and comprehensive community college facility usage, availability, and needs. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Education, in order to assist the Commission with its work, to update and make available to the Commission an inventory of all public school facilities in the Commonwealth by September 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact to the House of Delegates, the Senate of Virginia, or the Division of Legislative Services. The Department of Education (DOE) can absorb any cost to update and make available an inventory of all public school facilities.

Fiscal Analysis: See Fiscal Summary.

Other: Identical to SB498.