

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
327 (DWDA)	0	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2
TOTAL	0	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, with the assistance of other stakeholders, to conduct a biennial review of career and technical education (CTE) courses. The bill provides a number of requirements for the biennial review and requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to provide recommendations relating to improvements to the review process, and recommendations related to best practices for CTE courses and approving new CTE courses.

Based on the requirements of the biennial review and the requirements relating to improving the review process, the Department of Education (DOE) anticipates that additional one-time general fund support would be needed to procure external assistance to establish a process that meets the requirements of the bill. DOE estimates costs for this contract could range from \$50,000-\$250,000 general fund in FY27, depending on the scope of work. DOE would need to work with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and other stakeholders to develop a scope of work and then contract with a consultant to support the initial review, support stakeholder engagement and develop an approach/methodology/rubric for ensuring that review is rigorous, industry-aligned and includes appropriate and sufficient stakeholder feedback. Actual fiscal impact would depend on the scope of the contract. DOE anticipates that once a biennial review process is developed, then existing staff could complete the work of the review in future years.

The fiscal impact on the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) will depend on the scope of work required to support the biennial review of career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials. The bill assigns the Virginia Board of Workforce Development a co-lead role in conducting the review, and implementation of these responsibilities will require support from DWDA, including workforce and labor market analysis, employer and industry engagement, and coordination with education agencies. DWDA indicates that these activities represent new, recurring work for the agency and anticipates that up to two additional positions would be required, at an estimated cost of \$200,000 per year from the general fund.

The State Council for Higher Education in Virginia and the Virginia Community College System could absorb any impact to work with DOE and DWDA on the biennial review.

Other: None.