

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB692

Patron: Suetterlein

Bill Title: Western Virginia Public Education Consortium; governance; funding; duties.

Bill Summary: Makes several changes relating to the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium (the Consortium), including (i) requiring the chair of the board of the Consortium to submit an annual executive summary only in each biennium in which the Consortium receives funding from the General Assembly, (ii) adjusting the membership of the governing board of the Consortium to (a) accurately reflect school division consolidation that occurred after the Consortium's initial establishment and (b) include each member of the House of Delegates who represents a House District that is partially or wholly located in Western Virginia and each member of the Senate of Virginia who represents a Senatorial District that is partially or wholly located in Western Virginia, and (iii) removing the requirement for the governing board of the Consortium to develop and maintain linkages with schools and school divisions in Northern Virginia to promote enhanced usage of educational technology.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 124

Explanation: See Fiscal Analysis

Fiscal Summary: See Fiscal Analysis.

Fiscal Analysis: The only expected state fiscal impact for this bill is if the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium (Consortium) is funded in the appropriation act. All members of the Board of the Consortium serve without compensation and any appropriation provided will fund travel expenses of the legislative and district superintendent Consortium members. If no appropriation is provided, travel expenses shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee. There is currently no funding for this Consortium in the Clerks' offices.

For a commission of this nature, travel expenses are typically calculated at \$160 per member, per meeting for mileage. It is estimated that travel expenses will be \$21,760 per year for 34 members (16 legislative and 18 district superintendents) attending four meetings per year, the average number of meetings a commission of this nature usually involves.

Other: Identical to HB584.

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