



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

8 VAC 20-521 – Regulations Governing Reduction of State Aid When Length of School Terms Below 180 Teaching Days or 990 Teaching Hours

Department of Education

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The current *Regulations Governing Reduction of State Aid When Length of School Terms Below 180 Teaching Days or 990 Teaching Hours* require local school division superintendents to certify by April 15 of each school year that they have read and complied with the provisions of the regulations and are implementing a plan for making up any missed time that has not been waived in accordance with the regulations. The Virginia Department of Education (Department) requires local school boards and superintendents to submit several reports and certifications throughout the school year. In an effort to make the system of reporting and certifying more effective and efficient, many of the reports and certifications are available online and may be completed and sent to the department via electronic mail. In a further effort to assist both the school superintendents and department staff, some of these reports and certifications are being combined. The Board of Education (Board) proposes to revise the language of 8 VAC 20-521-60 that states “shall certify by April 15 of each school year” to “shall certify annually, at a time and in a form prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education.” This revision will permit this certification to be added to the Collection of Data Relative to Compliance with the Standards of Quality and Other Certifications, which is due by the end of May each year.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

As stated above, the Board proposes to amend the current requirement that local school division superintendents certify *by April 15 of each school year* that they have read and complied

with the provisions of the regulations and are implementing a plan for making up any missed time that has not been waived to state that the superintendants must certify *annually, at a time and in a form prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education* that they have read and complied with the provisions of the regulations and are implementing a plan for making up any missed time that has not been waived. According to the Department in practice once this revision is made the local school divisions will be given additional time (the end of May rather than April 15) to make the certification. Thus, local divisions benefit and the Department still receives the information when needed. Therefore the proposed amendment creates benefit without cost.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments affect the 132 school divisions in the Commonwealth, as well their students and staff.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendment does not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendment will not significantly affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendment will not significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendment will not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendment does not create adverse impact for small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendment does not significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.