

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1531

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Minchew

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: Speed limits in school zones

5. Summary: Allows counties to increase or decrease the speed limits in school zones; current law allows cities and towns to do so. The bill also removes the authority for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to change the speed limit in school zones.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, VDOT currently conducts the required engineering study to determine the appropriate speed limit within the school zone for all counties that do not maintain their own system of secondary roads. Under this proposal, counties could take on this responsibility. The number of counties that might take on this responsibility is indeterminate, though any impact to VDOT's operational costs is likely to be minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Any county in Virginia that does not currently maintain its own system of secondary roads, VDOT

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None