

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB301

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Commercial driver's license examinations.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes school boards to issue a commercial driver's license skills test certificate to employees of other school boards. The bill exempts applicants for commercial driver's licenses from the waiting period and fees for reexaminations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Current law requires that applicants who are 18 years or older will be charged a fee of \$2 for each retake of the driver's license knowledge examination if taken more than once within a 15-day period. SB 301 would remove this provision for CDL applicants.

Under current law, school boards are allowed only to test drivers they employ or have trained in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Guide. This bill expands the authority to allow school boards to not only test drivers they train and employ, but any driver employed by a school board and trained in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Curriculum Guide.

DMV anticipates a one-time cost of \$11,748 associated with making the necessary system and programming changes. The 160 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads.

DMV anticipates that there would be an annual loss of less than \$5,000 in revenue associated with eliminating the \$2 reexamination fee for CDL applicants. Because the reexamination fee revenue for FY20/21 was significantly impacted by the pandemic, DMV calculated the potential annual loss based on the FY19 revenue generated by the reexamination fee. The agency anticipates that it can absorb this cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.