

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB142

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Ruff

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Public school teachers; licensure requirements; one-year local eligibility license.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to include in its teacher licensure regulations provisions authorizing each school board to, upon recommendation of the division superintendent or the school board and in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bill, issue a one-year, nonrenewable local eligibility license that is only valid within the issuing school division to any individual who (i) received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) has experience or training in a subject or content area as the school board and division superintendent may deem appropriate for the applicable teaching position or endorsement area, and (iii) is not seeking to provide instruction in special education or eligible for collegiate professional or postgraduate professional licensure. The bill establishes several requirements, criteria, and conditions relating to a local eligibility license. Finally, the bill requires the Board of Education to convene a work group to make recommendations on revising teacher licensure requirements to ensure the Commonwealth has the highest standards in the country for training and qualifications of its teaching workforce and rigorous alternative routes to licensure to improve recruitment and retention of highly trained teaching candidates. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 122

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Board of Education to convene a work group on teacher licensure requirements. The Department of Education (DOE) would require one-time funding to support the work group at an estimated cost of \$80,000 in FY25. The Board can absorb any costs associated with updating teacher licensure regulations. Any impact to local school divisions to issue licenses is indeterminate.

The House amendments adopted on February 27, 2024, remove the work group requirement, which would eliminate the fiscal impact to DOE.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None