

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
2024 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Patron** Marcia S. "Cia" Price

2. **Bill Number** HB 616

3. **Committee** House Finance

House of Origin:

 X **Introduced**

 Substitute

 Engrossed

4. **Title** Additional local sales and use tax; City of
Newport News

Second House:

 In Committee

 Substitute

 Enrolled

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill would add the City of Newport News to the list of qualifying localities authorized to levy an additional local sales and use tax not to exceed one percent. The revenue from the additional tax must be used to fund construction or renovation of schools.

Under current law, the Counties of Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania and the City of Danville are authorized to levy the additional one percent local tax.

If enacted during the regular session of the 2024 General Assembly this bill would become effective July 1, 2024.

6. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Not available. (See Line 8.)

8. **Fiscal implications:**

Administrative Costs

This bill would have no impact on local administrative costs.

The Department of Taxation considers implementation of this bill to be routine and does not require additional funding.

Revenue Impact

This bill could have an unknown positive revenue impact to the City of Newport News to the extent it chooses to exercise the authority granted by the bill.

This bill would have no impact on state revenues.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments:

Additional Local Sales and Use Tax to Benefit Schools

Legislation passed during the 2019 and 2020 sessions of the General Assembly authorized the Counties of Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania and the City of Danville to impose, by ordinance, an additional local sales and use tax at a rate of up to one percent as determined by its local governing body. This tax is in addition to the one percent general local sales and use tax authorized under current law. The additional tax must first be approved by voters at a referendum and initiated by a resolution of the local governing body. Further, the tax expires on the date by which bonds or loans are repaid if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are to be financed by bonds or loans; or if the capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools are not financed by bonds or loans, on a date chosen by the governing body and specified in any resolution that imposes the additional tax. The expiration date cannot be more than 20 years after the date of the resolution.

Proposal

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Similar Legislation

House Bill 60 and **Senate Bill 146** would add Prince Edward County to the list of localities authorized to impose an additional local sales and use tax of up to one percent with the revenue therefrom to be used to fund construction or renovation of schools.

House Bill 193 would add Stafford County to the list of localities authorized to impose an additional local sales and use tax of up to one percent with the revenue therefrom to be used to fund construction or renovation of schools.

House Bill 458, House Bill 600, House Bill 805, and Senate Bill 14 would authorize any county or city to levy an additional local sales and use tax not to exceed one percent. The revenue from the additional tax must be used to fund construction or renovation of schools. The bills would also remove the limitation on the amount of funding that the board of supervisors of a county may appropriate to an incorporated town not constituting a separate school district within such county that has not complied with the provisions of its charter relating to the elections of its council and mayor.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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