

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB626

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

2. **Patron:** Rasoul

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Public schools; certain local school divisions; youth and community violence prevention.

5. **Summary:** Establishes the Community Builders Pilot Program for the purpose of reducing youth involvement in behaviors that lead to gun violence and increasing community engagement among public school students by providing to students who are entering the eighth grade and enrolled in Roanoke City Public Schools and Petersburg City Public Schools opportunities during the school year after regular school hours and during the summer months for community engagement, workforce development, postsecondary education exploration, and social-emotional education and development. The bill provides that the school boards of Roanoke City Public Schools and Petersburg City Public Schools shall be responsible for the administration of the Program and are directed to collect data and report to the Governor and relevant committees of the General Assembly by November 1 of each year on the progress of the Program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The additional state cost for the Community Builders Pilot Program cannot be determined, as any cost is dependent on the amount of funding appropriated by the General Assembly. If funded, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact to the Department of Education.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education, Roanoke City Public Schools, Petersburg City Public Schools

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB484.