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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 5008 Introduced on February 22, 2018  
**Author:** Jefferson  
**Subject:** Surveillance  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Powell  
**Impact Date:** March 20, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	See Below	See Below
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	See Below	See Below
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires each public school to have surveillance equipment fed to one central secure location and at least one full-time employee whose responsibility is to monitor school surveillance equipment during school hours. The requirement to perform these activities is contingent on appropriations being made for this purpose. If the General Assembly chooses to appropriate funds for this purpose, local school districts will be required to make non-recurring expenditures of \$195,376,480 in FY 2018-19 to purchase and install surveillance equipment and recurring expenditures of \$50,469,600 beginning in FY 2018-19 for monitoring.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on February 22, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

N/A

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

This bill requires each public school to have at least one full-time employee whose responsibility is to monitor, during regular school hours, all school surveillance equipment at the school. The images from this equipment must be fed to one secure location in the school's central administrative offices. The employee will monitor the feed and notify appropriate administrators, the school resource officers, and if necessary law enforcement if activity raises a significant cause for concern regarding the safety of students or school property, or if it indicates

that a crime may occur. If the employee is sick or on leave a substitute must be secured by the principal. These activities must be performed using funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose.

The Department of Education (Department) surveyed the local school districts. There are currently 1,237 public schools. Forty-four school districts responded to the survey. Approximately 53 percent of schools in the responding districts did not have surveillance equipment with a central feed. Extrapolating this number statewide, 656 of the 1,237 schools would be required to install equipment. The Department estimates that, on average, it would cost \$297,830 per school to purchase and install the necessary equipment. This yields a statewide cost of \$195,376,480 to purchase and install surveillance equipment.

While 47 percent of the schools in responding districts had surveillance equipment with a central feed, only 10 of the 788 schools in the responding districts had a full time employee monitoring this equipment. This represents approximately 1 percent of the schools in responding districts. The Department estimates the cost for an employee to monitor the equipment, including salary and fringe, would be \$40,800. As the bill directs that monitoring would be funded by appropriations from the General Assembly, we assume that all 1,237 schools would receive funding for this purpose, including the estimated 12 schools that currently perform this activity. This means that 1,237 schools that would need an additional employee for monitoring at a cost of \$40,800, for a total recurring impact of \$50,469,600.

The total expenditure impact to local school districts as a result of this bill will be \$245,846,080.

**Local Revenue**

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