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Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution will have no expenditure impact for the House of Representatives, the Senate, or the State Election Commission (SEC) because each body and SEC anticipate being able to manage any additional responsibilities within existing appropriations. This joint resolution may have an undetermined expenditure impact on the Department of Education (SDE) beginning in FY 2020-21, depending upon further clarification of high-quality education.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This joint resolution amends the State's Constitution to require the General Assembly to provide a high-quality education allowing each student to reach his highest potential. The proposed amendment to the Constitution will be added to the ballots for the next general election.

House of Representatives and Senate. To the extent this joint resolution will require meetings outside the normal course of General Assembly operations, members will receive per diem of \$35, subsistence of \$213.74, and mileage of \$0.575 per mile for each meeting on non-legislative days. The House and Senate anticipate these expenses should be able to be managed within the budgets of the appointees' respective legislative bodies

State Election Commission. The State Election Commission (SEC) must add this proposed amendment to the ballots to be provided to the various voting precincts. SEC anticipates being able to manage the addition of the proposed amendment to ballots within existing appropriations.

Department of Education. The Department of Education (SDE) indicates the language in this joint resolution does not alter the duties and responsibilities of the agency. However, without further clarification on the definition of high-quality education, the expenditure impact of this joint resolution for SDE is undetermined beginning in FY 2020-21.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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