

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1553

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Diamonstein

**3. Committee** Finance

**4. Title** Higher Education and Related Facilities Bond Act of 2001

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

The bill provides, subject to approval of the voters, for the issuance of up to \$670,400,000 in general obligation bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9(b) of the Constitution of Virginia to finance various capital projects at higher educational institutions and related educational facilities throughout the Commonwealth. The debt to be issued would impact the Commonwealth's debt capacity in future years.

The bonds would be issued subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the Commonwealth voting in a general election on November 6, 2001. The full faith and credit of the Commonwealth is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes or refunding bonds. The bill will not become effective, and no bonds will be issued until voter approval is obtained.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02			
2002-03	\$10,454,167		GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

- 8. Fiscal implications:** The expenditure impact has been estimated by the Department of the Treasury assuming four tax-exempt bond issues in FY 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. Using this assumption, the bonds can be structured with little or no expenditure impact in the current biennium (2000-2002). Assuming issuance of \$100 million in the first year, the required debt service would begin in FY2003 at \$10.5 million, peak at \$69.9 million in FY2006 and slowly decline thereafter. Issuance of the bonds will impact the Commonwealth's debt capacity in subsequent years.

At this time, it is not known whether affected state agencies and institutions of higher education would require additional funding to support construction and oversight responsibilities for the capital project(s), or whether the costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

- ?? Department of the Treasury
- ?? Treasury Board (issuance and payment of debt service)
- ?? Department of General Services
- ?? Christopher Newport University
- ?? College of William & Mary
- ?? George Mason University
- ?? James Madison University
- ?? Longwood College
- ?? Mary Washington College
- ?? Melchers-Monroe Memorials
- ?? Norfolk State University
- ?? Old Dominion University
- ?? Radford University
- ?? Richard Bland College
- ?? University of Virginia
- ?? University of Virginia at Wise
- ?? Virginia Commonwealth University
- ?? Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- ?? Virginia Military Institute
- ?? Virginia State University
- ?? Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- ?? Virginia Community College System (Blue Ridge, Central Virginia, Danville, Dabney S. Lancaster, Eastern Shore, Germanna, J. Sargeant Reynolds, John Tyler, Lord Fairfax, Mountain Empire, New River, Northern Virginia, Patrick Henry, Paul D. Camp, Piedmont, Rappahannock, Southside Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Thomas Nelson, Tidewater, Virginia Highlands, Virginia Western, and Wytheville)
- ?? Virginia Cooperative Extension and Research Station
- ?? Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- ?? Science Museum of Virginia
- ?? Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- ?? Frontier Culture Museum
- ?? Museum of Natural History

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments:

- ?? Project draw schedules may indicate a different issuance schedule than that assumed to develop the fiscal impact amounts.
- ?? An evaluation of the projects may indicate that certain projects must be financed on a taxable basis (i.e., higher rate of interest).
- ?? House Bills 1604 and 1747 are similar.

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