

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB459

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Hawkins, C.R.

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Create the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Southside Virginia to be founded by Averett University, Danville Community College, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The Institute is to be established as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and is to be funded through such funds as are appropriated or made available for this purpose. The Institute will seek to act as a catalyst for economic and community transformation, to provide a site for the development of technology and a trained workforce, and to expand access to higher education in Southside Virginia. The Institute will promote network-related educational initiatives and generally seek to stimulate the economic viability of the Dan River region through education. An nine-member board of trustees, consisting of institutional and citizen members, will govern the Institute. One citizen member is to be appointed by the Governor; one, by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one, by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The board will have corporate powers and be authorized to enter into and administer agreements with institutions of higher education to deliver traditional and electronic education. The board may appoint an executive director, may seek additional staff support from its founding institutions, and may apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants or donations from public or private sources.

6. Fiscal Impact: Unknown. Participating institutions could choose to fund the institute with internal funds based on the scope of activities offered. (See #8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. Funding for this bill is contingent upon "such funds as are appropriated or made available for this purpose."

8. Fiscal implications: The legislation specifies that the Institutes shall be created with such funds as are appropriated or made available for this purpose. The fiscal impact of the legislation depends on the scope of the Institute, and the extent to which it becomes state supported. Currently two higher education centers with similar missions exist in the Commonwealth: the Roanoke Higher Education Center (\$662,500 GF) and the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (\$2,077,381 GF).

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Tech, Danville Community College, City of Danville, Pittsylvania County

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: Approval of the legislation does not require subsequent funding as the language indicates that the Institutes shall be created with such funds as are appropriated or made available for this purpose. However, it should be noted that a budget amendment to provide support for the Institute was requested by Senator Hawkins. That amendment did not make it into the Conference Committee report.

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cc: Secretary of Education