

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1704

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Purkey

3. Committee Education

4. Title Require institutions of higher education to report expenditure of state funds.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires the Boards of Visitors of each public institution of higher education provide the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) annual data of state general fund appropriations and expenditures by category, including academic costs, administration, research, and public service, as defined by the State Council. The State Council must then compile and submit a report of such data annually to the Governor and the General Assembly.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Cannot be determined.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Although it cannot be determined, this bill could potentially have a future fiscal impact due to increased staff time needed to compile this information in the format required by this bill. It should be noted that similar information is already available. Currently, public institutions of higher education submit detailed expenditure data to the Department of Accounts on a monthly basis, and SCHEV has access to this file. This data is available by all categories mentioned in the bill (instruction, research, etc.) but the data provided is not available by fund (general fund versus non-general fund).

A potential alternative to this requirement would be for SCHEV to take the year-end expenditures and apply the Educational and General funds split to the total expenditure in each category. A caveat to this would be to have the split only be applied to those categories/programs which have a general fund and non-general fund component.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Public institutions of higher education and SCHEV.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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