

# State Council of Higher Education 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2489

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Tata

3. **Committee** Education

4. **Title** State Council of Higher Education.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The enrolled version of HB2489 adds to SCHEV's duties the responsibility to review the proposed closure of any academic program in a high demand or critical shortage area, as defined by the Council, by any public institution of higher education and assist in the development of an orderly closure plan, when needed.

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

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$18,000	.25	
2003-04	0	Minimal	
2004-05	0	Minimal	

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** See #8.

8. **Fiscal implications:** In order to meet the requirements of the legislation, it would be necessary to 1) work with the VEC to define current high-demand and critical shortage areas, 2) develop a schedule and process for updating high-demand and critical shortage areas, and 3) develop suggested best practices for program closure. In subsequent years, staff time would be required to update high-demand and critical shortage areas and to work with institutions in the development of any closure plans.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, State-Supported Colleges and Universities, students in programs which are proposed to be closed, and the Virginia Employment Commission as it relates to determining high-demand and critical shortage areas.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Education