

# Virginia Retirement System

## 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB849

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Miller, K.G.

**3. Committee** Finance

**4. Title** Optional retirement plans of institutions of higher education.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Optional retirement plans of institutions of higher education. Authorizes institutions of higher education to establish their own optional retirement plans for employees engaged in the performance of teaching, administrative, or research duties, as an alternative to the Virginia Retirement System ("VRS") defined benefit retirement plan and the optional retirement plan administered by the VRS. The bill provides that VRS shall have no duties and responsibilities with respect to optional retirement plans maintained by institutions of higher education, except for the responsibility to establish guidelines for employee elections for retirement plans.

**6. No Fiscal Impact on the VRS;** however, there may be costs to the individual institutions associated with the establishment and ongoing administration of separate plans.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** See No. 6.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** VRS and institutions of higher education

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** Yes, as follows:

Page 3, line 126: After "subsection E.", insert "Except for the duties described in subsection H, the Board shall have no duties and responsibilities with respect to such plans established pursuant to subsection B."

**11. Other comments:** This bill was requested by the VRS Board of Trustees. The Substitute adds some additional administrative requirements for the VRS.

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