Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Numbe	er HB545		
House of Orig	gin Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
Second House	e In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2. Patron	May		

- **3.** Committee Passed both houses.
- **4. Title** Establishing integrated research and academic campuses in the Commonwealth
- **5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires the Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission (VRTAC) to examine and review options for enhancing the research capabilities of the Commonwealth's public institutions and leveraging the Commonwealth's proximity to the research activities of the private sector and federal government. In addition, the bill requires VRTAC to exam the feasibility of building or utilizing existing facilities for an academic research and advanced education enterprise in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. The Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission will report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2004.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final. See line 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** According to the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), the agency can absorb any costs associated with the bill. The Secretary of Technology, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Education, the State Council of Higher Education, and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science will provide technical assistance.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Secretaries of Education, Technology, and Commerce and Trade Center for Innovative Technology State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Joint Commission on Technology and Science

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education