

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB712ER

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

**2. Patron** Oder

**3. Committee** Passed both houses

**4. Title** Policies for required reinstatement of certain military students.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to include in its guidelines for tuition relief, refunds, and reinstatement for military students who withdrew from enrollment in a public institution of higher education due to service in a "defense crisis," provisions addressing policies and procedures for the required reenrollment of students whose call to active duty military service precluded their completion of a semester or equivalent term.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Due to uncertainty regarding the number of students who may be called to military service, the duration of such service, and the procedures that will be developed for colleges to meet the requirements of this legislation, it is not possible to determine whether there is a potential fiscal impact. However, any related costs, if they exist, are anticipated to be negligible. Provisions in an earlier version of the bill requiring "mid-term reenrollment" have been removed from the legislation, making it likely that the institutions can meet the requirements without incurring significant costs.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Public institutions of higher education, including 15 four-year colleges and universities, Richard Bland College, and 23 community colleges.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None.

**11. Other comments:** Current provisions allow military personnel to leave college mid-term and either have their semester wiped out with full refund or receive "incompletes" until such time as they can complete their work.

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