

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB220

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

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Equal Educational Opportunity Plan.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation requires the Secretary of Education to develop and implement a statewide plan to provide for equal education opportunity for all students in Virginia. The Plan, including recommendations to address issues and alternative strategies, must be reported by the Secretary, biennially, to the Governor and the General Assembly, beginning December 1, 2005.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not available.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill requires the Secretary of Education to develop and implement a statewide plan to provide for equal education opportunity for all students in Virginia. The plan should include the following:

- An annual report of the percentage of minority students enrolled in public schools by grade, and in undergraduate, graduate, professional and postdoctoral degree programs by discipline;
- Strategies to increase college admissions, retention, and graduation rates of minority students at the undergraduate and graduate degree levels;
- An analysis of the preparation of minority students for college-level work;
- An evaluation of the impact of financial assistance and tuition rates as inducements and obstacles to college education;
- Summary of existing programs in Virginia and nationally that have proven effective in providing equal education opportunity; and
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan.

It is likely that significant financial resources may be required to implement certain strategies.

The Secretary is also charged to recommend appropriate strategies and feasible alternatives, including the projected costs of implementing the plan. In addition, the Secretary must submit an Executive Summary of the Equal Education Opportunity Plan no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Secretary of Education
Department of Education/Virginia public school systems
Virginia public institutions of higher education

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education