Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number SB244E			
	House of Orig	in Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron	Edwards		
3.	Committee	Education		
4.	Title	Faculty representatives to boards of visitors, the State Board for Community		

5. Summary/Purpose:

Permits the boards of visitors of four-year public institutions of higher education, the State Board for Community Colleges, and local community college boards to appoint a nonvoting, advisory faculty representative to their boards. In the case of the State Board for Community Colleges, the representative must be appointed from among persons elected by the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. Faculty representatives to boards of visitors and local community college boards must be appointed from among those individuals elected by the faculty, faculty senate, or other equivalent group of the institution. The State Board for Community Colleges, local community college boards, and boards of visitors may exclude the faculty representative from discussions of faculty grievances, faculty or staff disciplinary matters, salaries, or other matters, in their discretion.

- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. See item 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** The colleges and the State Board for Community Colleges, if they choose to appoint additional faculty representatives, will have to absorb annual costs of up to about \$120 each for community colleges, and about \$2,200 each for other institutions and the state board. Costs for local community college board meetings are estimated at about \$30 per member for each meeting, with about four meetings a year. Costs for other college board meetings, and meetings of the State Board for Community Colleges, are estimated at up to \$365 per meeting for four to six meetings per year. Costs are for materials and meals, and include transportation and lodging for State Board and four-year college board meetings. It is anticipated that the institutions will absorb these costs through internal reallocation if they choose to add representatives. Some boards already have faculty representatives, and others may choose not to add faculty representatives. In these cases, the colleges would not be affected by this legislation.
- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Community College System, State Board for Community Colleges, 23 individual community colleges and community college boards, and 15 four-year colleges (with 14 boards of visitors).

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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