

## Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2337

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**2. Patron** Athey

**3. Committee** Education and Health

**4. Title** Articulation agreements.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Current law requires the State Council of Higher Education to develop a State Transfer Module designating those general education courses that are offered within various associate degree programs at the public two-year institutions that are transferable for credit or admission with standing as a junior (third year) to the public four-year institutions. Most four-year institutions have articulation agreements in place with selected community colleges that govern the transfer of students from the community colleges to the four-year college, and define how completed course credits will transfer for these students. The proposed legislation requires the governing board of each four-year public institution of higher education, beginning with academic year 2006-2007, to develop additional articulation and transfer agreements with uniform application to all institutions within the Virginia Community College System that (i) meet appropriate general education and program requirements at the four-year institutions; and (ii) provide additional opportunities for associate degree graduates to be admitted and enrolled. The State Council of Higher Education, consistent with its responsibility to facilitate the development of articulation agreements, must develop guidelines for such agreements.

**6. No fiscal impact (final).**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** None.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All public institutions of higher education.

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

**11. Other comments:** Most public four-year institutions already have one or more articulation agreements in place with community colleges. The proposed legislation seeks to standardize the articulation process, by requiring institutions to develop agreements with uniform application to all community colleges. While this is expected to facilitate the transfer of community college students into four-year institutions, the rate of transfer will still be determined by the admission criteria and enrollment capacity of the four-year institutions.

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cc: Secretary of Education