

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB1293 ER

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Ruff

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill creates the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (Center) as an educational institution charged to encourage the expansion of higher education, including adult and continuing education, associate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs in the Southside region of the Commonwealth, and foster partnerships between the public and private sectors to enhance higher education. The Center was previously established as the Halifax/South Boston Continuing Education Center (CEC) and operated as an off-campus center by Longwood University (LU), in cooperation with Danville Community College (DCC) and Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: (Final) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, funding for this bill is contingent upon an appropriation to support the Center.

8. Fiscal implications: In fiscal year 2005, Longwood received \$443,855 and seven positions to support the operations of the CEC. The budget approved by the House and Senate conferees transfers this money and the positions to the Center and includes an additional \$800,000 in general fund support and \$400,000 in nongeneral fund appropriation. The budget also includes 10 additional positions for the Center.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Secretary of Education, Longwood University, Danville Community College, and Southside Virginia Community College, Halifax/South Boston Continuing Education Center

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill is the same as HB 2071.

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cc: Secretary of Education