

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB 40

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Senator Reynolds

**3. Committee**    Education and Health

**4. Title**            Higher Education; New College Institute Established.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill establishes the New College Institute in the area of Martinsville and Henry Counties and provides the bylaws that would govern the Institute's Board of Directors. The Institute is expected to:

- Diversify the region's economy by engaging the resources of other institutions of higher education, public and private bodies, and organizations of the region and state;
- Leverage and broker resources that support economic diversity, thereby encouraging economic and community transformation;
- Provide a site for the development of the technology and trained workforce necessary for new economic enterprises to flourish;
- Provide access to degree-granting programs, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, through partnerships with private and public institutions of higher education, the public schools, and the public and private sectors which should expand educational opportunities in the region;
- Encourage and coordinate the development and delivery of programs focusing on statewide and regional critical shortage areas; and
- Maintain and disseminate information on existing educational programs, research, and university outreach and technology resources.

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

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill, as currently written, codifies the establishment of the New College Institute as reflected in the 2006-2008 Budget Bill. Item 244 of the Budget Bill provides \$2.1 million in FY 2007 and \$2.4 million in FY 2008 for the establishment of the Institute.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** New College Institute, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, and Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB 517.

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