

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB443ER

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

**2. Patron** Lambert

**3. Committee** Passed both Houses

**4. Title** Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program and Fund; penalty.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill attempts to modify and strengthen the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program and Fund to accomplish the purposes of the program more effectively and efficiently. This bill enhances and increases educational opportunities for eligible persons by adding certain career and technical education postsecondary schools in the Commonwealth and the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) to the list of approved education programs in which recipients may enroll. This bill also (i) provides that awards may be used to cover the costs of textbooks for approved education programs; (ii) clarifies the duration of awards for career and technical education and training programs, and CLEP; (iii) authorizes the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Awards Committee to determine approved education programs to preserve the purpose for which the program was created; (iv) exempts scholastic records, personally identifiable information, scholarship applications, confidential letters and statements, and certain other related information pertaining to applicants and recipients of scholarships awarded by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Awards Committee, and deliberations of the Committee relating to the review and consideration of awards, scholarship renewal, setting the annual maximum scholarship award, and the cancellation, rescindment, or recovery of awards from FOIA; (v) provides definitions; (vi) authorizes the awards committee to cancel, rescind, and recover awards; (vii) allows students to take courses of a religious or theological nature to satisfy undergraduate elective requirements for a liberal arts nonreligious degree; (viii) requires applicants to sign acceptance forms, affirming the submitted information and agreeing to pursue the education program for which the award was given to its completion; (ix) establishes criteria for the renewal of awards; (x) requires education agencies to credit promptly student accounts after awards have been disbursed; and (xi) makes certain technical amendments. In addition, the second and third enactment clauses of Chapter 753 and Chapter 834 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly are repealed. The second enactment clause of these chapters permitted students enrolled in approved education programs upon the expiration of the program to complete their course of study. The third enactment clauses of these chapters provided that the State Council of Higher Education must review and approve the application for renewal of scholarship awards to students who were enrolled in approved education programs upon the expiration of the program.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This request only serves to expand the educational opportunities for students qualifying for scholarships under the Brown v. Board of Education program. This expansion includes the provision for certain career and technical education postsecondary schools and includes for the payments of textbooks. It also strengthens the criteria and removes potential barriers for awardees. This expands the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's review process, but should not require any additional resources.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia higher education institutions

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None.

**Date:** 3/20/06 RSA

cc: Secretary of Education