

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB709

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

2. Patron Hawkins

3. Committee General Laws and Technology

4. Title Virginia Community College System; comprehensive, integrated workforce training system established.

5. Summary/Purpose:

- Directs the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to serve as the coordinator of all workforce training activities at the secondary to associate degree level.
- Establishes the VCCS as a comprehensive, integrated workforce training system.
- Requires the appointment of 15-member regional workforce training boards to identify appropriate policies relating to workforce training for each of the community colleges and the school divisions within the relevant region. The regional boards will:
 - Receive input from regional business and industry leaders
 - Promote the development of cutting edge technology and workforce skills;
 - Advise local school boards, career and technical education teachers and administrators in public schools, and the community college on the design and implementation of workforce training classes to reflect changes in the workplace
 - Develop a plan of action to comply with federal Department of Labor and state policies vis-a-vis the federal Workforce Investment Act and any regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final. Please see item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill specifies that the work of the regional workforce training boards shall be supported through funds received pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Thus no impact to the general fund is anticipated for these activities. The Virginia Employment Commission estimates the WIA costs to be in the range of \$400,000 annually. The bill does place additional responsibility on the Virginia Community College System and the State Board for Community Colleges. Community College System staff estimate that the fiscal impact of these additional responsibilities will be moderate, because there is currently a substantial infrastructure in place to promote and coordinate workforce training activities. The current infrastructure includes a statewide office of

Workforce Development Services, a Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development, and workforce development professionals at each of the 23 colleges.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Community College System, including the State Board and 23 colleges, Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia Workforce Council, and local school superintendents, county administrators, city managers, and economic development professionals.

- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

- 11. Other comments:** The Virginia Workforce Council and seventeen regional Workforce Investment Boards currently provide a forum to assure that workforce training and employment initiatives meet the economic development and business needs of each local area. There may be overlap between the responsibilities of the existing boards and council, and those proposed in this bill.

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