

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB118E

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Academic Freedom at Higher Education Institutions

5. Summary: Based on the clarification of the intent of the legislation, this fiscal impact statement has been revised.

Requires each public institution of higher education to biennially report to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) the steps the institution is taking to ensure academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas. SCHEV must compile the information and report to the General Assembly by December 31 of the last year of each biennium.

6. No Fiscal Impact. Refer to Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to SCHEV, most colleges and universities should currently have policies and procedures in place to ensure academic freedom on their campuses. The Council also believes that the colleges and universities should already be collecting the information required from this legislation, and should be able to provide the required information to SCHEV for dissemination on their website and to the General Assembly.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state colleges and universities, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/7/2008/rsa

C: Secretary of Education