

Department of Planning and Budget

2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1438

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Delegate Cox

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Designation of Richard Bland College as a governmental instrumentality

5. Summary: This bill as amended includes Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary in the list of educational institutions declared as governmental instrumentalities and states that an emergency exists; thereby putting it into effect upon passage.

6. No Fiscal Impact: Preliminary

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no fiscal impact from this legislation. However, it will allow Richard Bland College to establish a police force. Since the College does not presently have one, there would be a cost if a police force were established. Preliminary estimates of the cost are \$630,673 (\$416,244 GF) in FY 2009 and \$649,592 (\$428,731 GF) in FY 2010 and four positions. Included in these estimates are one-time start-up costs for, among other things, a radio system to communicate with the local police, a second vehicle, and an emergency notification system. Any funds provided for a campus police force would need to be budgeted in Item 160.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Richard Bland College

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

11. Other Comments: Section 23-232 of the Code of Virginia authorizes Boards of Visitors of institutions named in § 23-14 to establish campus police departments and to employ campus police officers as provided in §§ 23-233 and 23-233.1. Although Richard Bland College had a police force in the 1970s and 1980s, it is not currently listed in § 23-14. The Office of the Attorney General has determined that Richard Bland College is not included in the reference “the College of William and Mary in Virginia, at Williamsburg.” The establishment of a police force is a necessity with the opening of the on-campus housing in fall 2008 and the estimated enrollment increase resulting from the Fort Lee expansion. Since the College cannot wait until July 1, 2008 to begin hiring and mobilizing its force, the emergency clause will permit it to begin working toward that goal as soon as the legislation is signed into law and the necessary funding becomes available.

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