

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB979

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Nutter

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Tuition Assistance Grants; eligibility for students attending Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

5. Summary: Provides that students attending the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine shall be eligible for the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) Program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008-09	\$520,600	General Fund
2009-10	\$520,600	General Fund
2010-11	\$520,600	General Fund
2011-12	\$520,600	General Fund
2012-13	\$520,600	General Fund
2013-14	\$520,600	General Fund

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 147.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, there are 274 Virginia residents enrolled in this college. The current TAG award for graduate students is \$1,900, although the language in the appropriation act provides the maximum payment as \$2,200. The total cost for this legislation is \$520,600 based on the current enrollment and the current award amount. If no additional funding is provided, the current TAG award amounts for all recipients may be reduced to cover additional student participation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes, to change the language in Item 147.E.8 of the introduced budget. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regionally accrediting body for colleges and universities, does not provide accreditation for osteopathic medical schools, thus, excluding these students from participating in the TAG program under the appropriation act. Osteopathic medical schools have their own accrediting body.

11. Other Comments: The Edward Via School of Osteopathic Medicine was established in 2002, and graduated their first students in June of 2007. Due to the newness of this school, and different accrediting bodies, students in this program did not receive TAG awards.

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