Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB510ER

House of Origin ___ Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed

Second House ____ In Committee ____ Substitute ____ Enrolled

2. Patron: McEachin

- 3. Committee: Passed both houses
- 4. Title: Institutions of higher education; reporting of student lending policies
- **5. Summary:** Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), with the advice and input of the governing boards of each public institution of higher education, to develop polices and procedures for disclosure of information by public higher education institutions on their lending practices. This information shall include (i) criteria used to determine which lenders, if any, are recommended or endorsed by the school, or included on a preferred lender list made available to students, and (ii) explicit notification that students are free to borrow from any lender of their choosing and are not limited to any lender or lenders suggested by the school.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see item 8.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to develop polices and procedures for disclosure of information on higher educations' lending practices with the advice and input of the governing boards of each public institution of higher education. It is anticipated this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state public colleges and universities, but could have a potential fiscal impact on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia of staff resources to develop these policies. It is estimated that the staff resources would be minimal, up to \$5,000 as a one-time cost.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State public colleges and universities, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Boards of Visitors of public institutions of higher education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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C: Secretary of Education