

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB636S1

House of Origin Introduced X Substitute X Engrossed

Second House X In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cuccinelli

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Students' high school records

5. Summary: Each public or private institution of higher education may require of each student accepted to such institution a complete student record, including any mental health records held by the school, from the students originating school. These records shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal law, including the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: There should be little or no impact on local school districts from this legislation. Student records, including transcripts and test scores, are presently provided by the schools to the colleges and universities. This legislation expands the parameters, allowing colleges to request all records, including mental health records. Any additional cost would be borne by the local school districts. There may be a cost to the higher education institutions to handle and store this information. It is not known, to what extent, if any, the cost could be.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state and private colleges and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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C: Secretary of Education

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