

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1606

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	___	Substitute	___	Engrossed
Second House	___	In Committee	___	Substitute	___	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Poisson

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Expands the eligibility requirements for specific individuals to receive grants to enroll in Virginia's Community College System.

**5. Summary:** This expands the current grant program for certain foster care and special needs adoption students modifying the eligibility of the current program to allow students to enroll in a minimum of six credit hours per semester at a two-year institution of higher education to receive a grant for tuition and fees and to ensure that a student who has a prior bachelor's degree is excluded from participation.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate, see Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), there is no fiscal impact for FY 2010. It is estimated that approximately 20 individuals may become eligible for tuition assistance in FY 2011. VCCS currently has \$25,000 in general funds specifically for the financial aid of foster care students. This funding is not always fully utilized. This funding would be used for students who are ineligible for Pell Grants.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Community College System.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is exactly the same as HB1599.

**Date:** 1/19/2009 rsa

**C:** Secretary of Education