

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 274

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed

Second House                  In Committee                  Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Delegate Englin

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**            Require automatic acceptance of certain students applying for admission.

**5. Summary:** This bill directs the governing boards of public institutions of higher education to provide for the automatic acceptance of certain students applying for admission if they:

- are Virginia residents as defined by § 23-7.4 of the *Code of Virginia*,
- graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of their class, and
- have been honorably discharged from service in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserves, the Virginia National Guard, or the Virginia National Guard Reserve.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate (see Section 8)

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how many individuals may benefit from this proposed legislation. It is anticipated, though, that a relatively small number of ex-military students, who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, would request automatic admission to a specific in-state higher education institution, nor disrupt that institution's admission/enrollment standards.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All of the Commonwealth's higher education institutions, especially the College of William and Mary, University of Virginia, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where overall admission standards may be higher than the academic credentials of an individual seeking admission under these requirements. The Virginia Military Institute requires students to complete their degree requirements by age 25. Passage of this legislation would require a change in the institution's policy.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Education

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