

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB703ER

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced    ☐    Substitute    ☐    Engrossed  
Second House    ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute    ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Bulova

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:**    Exemption of specific vocational education programs from the regulations of private and out-of-state institutions of higher education as regulated by State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**5. Summary:** Clarifies that the definition of "vocational" shall not include instructional programs intended solely for recreation, enjoyment, personal interest, or as a hobby, or courses or programs that prepare individuals to teach such pursuits.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Based on the information provided by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, there are currently three "schools" in Virginia that would qualify for the exemption due to the change in regulations. SCHEV does not anticipate any fiscal impact, except for a small reduction in nongeneral fund revenues collected by the agency.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia notes that students who attend courses in the exempted schools would not be eligible for tuition refunds or placement, should the nonparticipating school close due to bankruptcy or other issues.