

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB731

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

2. Patron: Reynolds

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Creates Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority

5. Summary: The proposed legislation creates the Virginia Workforce Development Authority to take over the duties of the Statewide Area Health Education Centers Program. The mission of the Authority is to facilitate the development of a statewide health professions pipeline that identifies, educates, recruits, and retains a diverse, appropriately geographically distributed and culturally competent quality workforce. Also, the legislation exempts the Authority from the Virginia Personnel Act, the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and taxation.

The legislation directs that the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority be governed by a Board of Directors. The board shall consist of 13 members to be appointed in the following manner: two members by the House of Delegates (to be appointed by the Speaker of the House), one member to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, seven nonlegislative citizen members, three of whom shall be representatives of health professional educational or training programs, three of whom shall be health professionals or employers or representatives of health professionals, and one of who shall represent community health, to be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of Health or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the Director of the Department of Health Professions or his designee, shall serve as ex officio members with voting privileges. Members appointed by the Governor shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for two-year terms following the initial staggering of terms – four members shall be appointed for terms of two years and three members shall be appointed for one year terms. Legislative and citizen members may be reappointed, but no member shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among the legislative members.

The Board of Directors shall report biennially on the activities and recommendations of the Authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Education, Commerce and Trade and the State Board of Health, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Joint

Commission on Health Care, the Governor, and the General Assembly. In any reporting period where state general funds are appropriated to the Authority, the report shall include a detailed summary of how state general funds were expended.

The Authority is authorized to:

- serve as the incorporated consortium of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools in Virginia as required by federal statute to qualify for the receipt of Area Health Education Centers programs, legislatively mandated under the Public Health Service Act and to administer federal, state, and local programs as needed to carry out its public purpose and objectives.
- monitor, collect, and track data pertaining to health care delivery, training, and education from Virginia education institutions and other entities as needed to carry out its public purpose and objectives in areas where such data efforts do not already exist.
- assess policies, engage in policy development, and make policy recommendations; and apply for and accept federal, state and local public and private grants, loans, appropriations, and donations; hire and compensate staff, including an Executive Director; rent, lease, buy, own, acquire, and dispose of property, real or personal; participate in joint ventures, including to make contacts and other agreements with public and private entities in order to carry out its public purpose and objectives; and make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs.

6. No Fiscal Impact. Final. See Line 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: The Authority is not part of the state budget. Any reimbursement to members of the board of visitors for attendance at meetings will be at the expense of the Authority.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Virginia Workforce Development Authority
Statewide Area Health Education Centers Program

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: House Bill 1304 is identical to Senate Bill 731.

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