

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB548ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Comstock

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Passed both Houses

**5. Summary:** Requires public institutions of higher education, in accordance with guidelines developed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to implement policies that recognize the scheduling difficulties and obligations of active duty military personnel.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Most public colleges and universities that enroll active military personnel are aware of the difficulties active military students endure, including registration, and deployment issues, and work to accommodate students to provide access to registration and obtain credits due to situations beyond their control. Recent technologies including on-line registration assist students' access information and desired courses. Several colleges and universities offer registration on military installations to assist with access, including Virginia State University and Old Dominion University. For these reasons, no fiscal impact on higher education institutions is anticipated from the provisions of this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state colleges and universities, specifically those located near large military installations, including, but not limited to Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, George Mason University, the University of Mary Washington, Richard Bland College and several Virginia Community Colleges, including Northern Virginia, Tidewater, Thomas Nelson, and Germanna. Additionally, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for developing the guidelines.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** February 23, 2012

C: Secretary of Education