

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB255ES1

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

2. Patron: Miller, J.C.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Pilot program for senior high school students to attend Thomas Nelson Community College

5. Summary: Requires that Thomas Nelson Community Colleges create a pilot program to allow certain high school seniors to enroll in Thomas Nelson Community College full-time. Tuition and fees would be paid as follows: one-third by the student, one-third by the local school division the student had attended immediately preceding the program and one-third to be waived by the community college; however, tuition for any science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) course, as defined by the Council, would be waived. In order to be eligible for this program, a student would need to have earned all credits required for a standard or advanced high school diploma by the end of the first semester of his senior year of high school. The provisions of the act would expire July 1, 2014.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, see item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Community College System estimates that approximately \$131,017 annually would be required to cover lost tuition and pay for a full-time and part time administrative assistant to implement this program.

The provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation of general funds effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriations act passed by the 2012 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law. Neither the passed House budget or the Senate Finance Committee's proposed Senate budget include funding for this proposal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Thomas Nelson Community College, the Virginia Community College System central office.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Virginia Community College System has dual enrollment programs at most of its colleges.

Date: February 27, 2012,

C: Secretary of Education