

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 132

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input 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: Delegate Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Increase number of departments at public institutions of higher education where commissioned officers may receive free instruction

5. Summary: This bill adds the departments of emergency management, emergency services, public safety, and disaster management to the list of departments at state institutions of higher education in which commissioned officers of the organized militia and the Governor's military staff may receive instruction for a period not exceeding 10 months without being required to pay any fee or charge for tuition. This bill also requires that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), in consultation with the Virginia Department of Veteran Affairs, establish implementation guidelines.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: As currently written, the proposed legislation will result in a reduction of revenue to public institutions of higher education. However, given the uncertainty regarding the number of interested and qualified individuals and the number of available courses, a measurable fiscal impact cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's institutions of higher education, commissioned officers of the organized militia, and the Governor's military staff

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. Line 17, strike "Virginia". Line 18, strike "Department of Veteran Affairs", and insert "Department of Military Affairs". Given that this proposed legislation impacts members of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia State Defense Force, it would be more appropriate for the Department of Military Affairs, not the Department of Veterans Services – erroneously referred to as the Virginia Department of Veteran Affairs – to consult with SCHEV on implementation guidelines.

11. Other Comments: SCHEV's involvement, as required by this proposed legislation, falls within its existing purview and resources.

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