## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

| 1. | Bill Number:    | HB 886       |            |           |
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|    | House of Origin | Introduced   | Substitute | Engrossed |
|    | Second House    | In Committee | Substitute | Enrolled  |

**2. Patron:** Delegate Peace

## **3. Committee:** Education

- 4. Title: Contract with private entities to create de-identified student records
- **5. Summary:** This bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to contract with private entities to create de-identified student records for the purpose of assessing:
  - the performance of institutions and specific programs relative to the workforce needs of the Commonwealth,
  - rates of enrollment in remedial coursework,
  - individual student credit accumulation,
  - rates of postsecondary degree completion, and
  - any other information deemed necessary to address adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education and alignment between secondary and postsecondary education. Current law permits SCHEV to contract with private entities to create de-identified student records for the purpose of assessing the performance of institutions and specific programs

relative to workforce needs.

The bill also requires that SCHEV disseminate postsecondary education and employment data to each public secondary school and each institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. In turn, each of these institutions is required to provide students and their parents the opportunity to view a copy of the education and employment data received from SCHEV.

## 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)
- 8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed language change on line 315 from "may" to "shall" could result in a fiscal impact, depending on the amount a private entity may charge for the service and the extent to which SCHEV would be required to enter into contracts. However, any fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. It also cannot be determined if there might be any costs associated with disseminating the postsecondary education and employment data to every secondary school and institution of higher education and ensuring that students and parents are able to view the information.

- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. Page 6, line 321, change "council" to "Council".
- **11. Other Comments:** Currently, SCHEV does not contract with private entities to create deidentified student records. The effort is being accomplished using the Virginia Longitudinal Data System.

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c: Secretary of Education