

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1327

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

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Higher education; in-state tuition.

5. Summary: Requires a public institution of higher education to grant a student in-state tuition if participation in a federal educational assistance program is conditioned on such student receiving in-state tuition.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation is in response to the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, which requires public colleges to provide in-state tuition to veterans and eligible dependents in order for the school to remain eligible to receive G.I. Bill education payments. According to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, each public college or university is required to complete a compliance letter; or the state must mandate it into law. This eliminates the requirement that each public college and university complete the letter. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia also indicates there could be some loss tuition revenue as veterans may gift their G.I. benefits to their children, however, that must be within three years of separation from service. The amount of any tuition loss cannot be calculated at this time, but is not expected to be significant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, all public colleges and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The companion bill is HB2122.