

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB450

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Taylor

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Comprehensive community colleges; veteran’s advisors and veterans resource centers.

5. **Summary:** Requires each comprehensive community college in the Commonwealth to employ at least one full-time veterans advisor to provide comprehensive and intensive enrollment and advising services to current and prospective students who are veterans and establish a veterans resource center on campus to provide access to federal and state veterans resources, serve as a quiet place for veterans to study, enable veterans to connect to other veterans, helping them renew the bonds of military service, and be the central hub for all activities on campus related to veterans.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 213.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see below:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016			
2017	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF
2018	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF
2019	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF
2020	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF
2021	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF
2022	\$ 5,200,000	23	GF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill is similar in scope to the Veterans Education Resource Initiative for Transition, Advising and Success (VERITAS) initiative included in the Governor’s introduced budget (HB30) for the seven community colleges with the highest concentration of enrolled veterans at \$1.1 million each year. The VERITAS initiative funds seven new full time veterans’ representative positions at each of the seven colleges with the greatest enrollment of military veterans. The veterans’ representative will be a dedicated position located in the veterans’ resource center. According to the Virginia Community

College System, to expand these services to all campuses would require an additional \$5.2 million and 23 positions annually.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Community College System.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.