

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB450H1

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

2. Patron: Taylor

3. Committee: Education and Health

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

5. Summary: Requires seven comprehensive community colleges with the highest veterans enrollment 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. A second enactment requires the Virginia Community College System, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to determine the seven community colleges with the highest number of enrolled veterans by August 1, 2016.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Veterans Education Resource Initiative for Transition, Advising and Success (VERITAS) is 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 and related support services 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. No additional funding is required to meet the terms of this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Community College System; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.