

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB662

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: Filler-Corn

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; open educational resources.

5. Summary: Requires the State Council of Higher Education to administer an Open Educational Resources Fund and Program to provide grants on a competitive basis to public institutions of higher education to encourage such institutions to use low-cost or no-cost open educational resources that are openly licensed and shared with the public through an existing or new open educational resources repository and, no later than June 30, 2017, in coordination with each public institution of higher education, identify open educational resources that have undergone a peer-review process and can be made available to each public institution of higher education and be adopted at each such institution as the primary instructional material for at least 15 high-enrollment courses in general education disciplines for which the course credit is transferrable among all public institutions of higher education. The bill requires each public institution of higher education awarded grants under the program, after an appropriate pilot period of successful implementation, to prominently designate grant-funded courses whose course materials consist exclusively of open educational resources or other low-cost or no-cost course materials (i) in the published course descriptions on the institution's website or otherwise provided to students at the time of course registration and on the campus bookstore course materials list that is provided for the course or (ii) through other methods or processes deemed appropriate by the institution and approved by the Council. The bill defines "open educational resources" as teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others and that conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and to any additional accessibility standards established by the Council. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 146.M. should additional funding be provided.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Governor's introduced budget includes \$30,000 the first year on a pilot basis designated for initiatives that reduce the cost of degrees for students and are awarded on a competitive basis. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia indicates this is sufficient to meet the intent of the legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill contains an emergency clause.