

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1026

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

2. Patron: Senator Dunnivant

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Increase the Expected Family Contribution for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program

5. Summary: This bill broadens eligibility for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program by including students whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as calculated by the federal government using the family's financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is no more than \$12,000. Under the Code of Virginia, the program is available only to students whose EFC is no more than \$8,000. The bill does not affect additional eligibility requirements for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Section 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: This proposed legislation does not have a fiscal impact. The Code of Virginia restricts the EFC to no more than \$8,000. However, Chapter 780 caps the EFC to \$12,000. This bill would codify the \$12,000 limit.

Students who started out prior to the maximum \$12,000 EFC would remain subject to the lower levels. Currently, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) reports four students who fall under the lower limits - one under the maximum \$8,000 EFC cohort and three under the maximum \$9,000 EFC cohort. All other eligible students are limited to the maximum \$12,000 EFC. There is no fiscal impact if the four students under the earlier cohorts use up their eligibility, discontinue enrollment in the program, or continue to enroll but maintain their current lower EFC restrictions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and Virginia's institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 1965.

Date: 02/13/17

c: Secretary of Education