

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1234

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

2. Patron: Senator Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Establish a passport credit program

- 5. Summary:** This bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and each public institution of higher education to develop a passport credit program. In developing the program, SCHEV and the public institutions of higher education will establish competencies and standards for each passport credit course. Any course that does not meet or exceed the standards developed under the program will not be considered a passport credit course. It will be the responsibility of the course provider to ensure that a passport credit course meets program standards. Each passport credit course will satisfy a lower division general education requirement at any public institution of higher education. Any student who completes a passport credit course at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education will be permitted to transfer those earned credit hours to any public institution of higher education to which the student has been admitted and apply those credit hours toward the general education requirements of that institution.

SCHEV is required to develop a listing of general education courses guaranteed to transfer from each associate-degree granting institution to a baccalaureate institution of higher education for undergraduate general education course credit by July 1, 2018 and a program-specific course list by July 1, 2019. The deadline for the passport credit program to be developed is July 1, 2020. Each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education will be expected to offer the program by the 2020-2021 academic year. By July 1, 2020, SCHEV must provide to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education its plan to develop the passport credit course curriculum and standards, strategies for implementation, an analysis of any potential passport credit courses, and a plan for ongoing data analysis and updates.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any costs resulting from complying with the requirements of this proposed legislation could be absorbed by SCHEV and Virginia's public institutions of higher education using existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes.

Line 69, strike "curriculum" and insert "competencies".

Line 73, after "granting" insert "public".

Line 73, after "institution" insert "of higher education".

Line 74, after "baccalaureate" insert "public".

Line 76, after "granting" insert "public".

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11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 02/07/17

c: Secretary of Education