

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 949

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 Ruff

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Clarify the membership and responsibilities of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center board of trustees

5. Summary: This bill encourages workforce training with a focus on critical shortage areas and the needs of industry. It also replaces the superintendent of the Halifax County Public Schools as an ex officio member of the board of trustees of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC) with a superintendent of a public school division located in the Southside region appointed by the Governor. Furthermore, this bill broadens the eligibility requirements to serve as one of the representatives of business and industry on the board of trustees. Finally, it requires the board to seek opportunities to collaborate with the local community colleges to meet specialized noncredit workforce training needs. If the community colleges are unable to meet identified industry needs, then SVHEC is authorized to collaborate with other education providers or offer noncredit workforce training independently.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: As currently written, it is anticipated that the proposed legislation does not have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 2172. It codifies language in Chapter 780, 2016 Acts of Assembly, that addresses SVHEC's authority.

Date: 02/07/17

c: Secretary of Education