

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 659

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

2. Patron: Delegate Murphy

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Regulate out-of-state postsecondary distance learning

5. Summary: This bill prohibits an out-of-state degree-granting postsecondary school from providing distance learning from a location outside of the Commonwealth to in-state students unless that postsecondary school also participates in an interstate distance learning reciprocity agreement entered into by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: As currently proposed, it is anticipated that this legislation would not have a fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This proposed legislation would provide SCHEV with the authority to exercise its role in consumer protection of Virginia's higher education students. Furthermore, it would make Virginia's public and private institutions of higher education competitive in distance learning with their out-of-state counterparts.

Date: 01/12/18
c: Secretary of Education