

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1589

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: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Education and workforce development; Virginia Works Portal created.

5. Summary: Creates the Virginia Works Portal to provide one-stop access to information regarding education pathways, career opportunities, and workforce development information available from agencies, institutions, and entities around the Commonwealth. The bill provides that the Portal shall provide an interactive, user-friendly environment and must be available to the public by July 1, 2020. The bill creates the five-person Virginia Works Board chaired by the Governor's Chief Workforce Development Advisor to oversee the Portal and the Virginia Works Advisory Committee of public and private sector stakeholders to advise the Board. The Virginia Works Board is directed to report annually to the Joint Subcommittee on the Future Competitiveness of Virginia Higher Education and to the Governor and Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

As passed by the Senate, the bill specifies that staff support and technical assistance to the Board shall be provided as designated by the Chief Workforce Development Officer. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The costs associated with development and implementation of the portal are indeterminate. It may be necessary to modify the various portals and applications that are required to link with the new Virginia Works Portal. Until the new portal's specifications are established, the costs to other systems and agencies is unknown.

The bill specifies that the Board shall develop a methodology to provide for funding and maintenance of the portal to be shared equitably among participating agencies, and that agency funding may be provided from existing funds appropriated in a general appropriation act for career or education pathway development, career development services, or economic development activities. Staff support and technical assistance to the Board shall be provided as designated by the Chief Workforce Development Officer.

Senate amendments to HB1700/SB1100 provide \$100,000 from the general fund in the second year to study the development and implementation of the Virginia Works Portal established in this bill.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Chief Workforce Development Advisor to the Governor; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; Virginia Community College System; Virginia Employment Commission; Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Labor and Industry; Department of Social Services; Department of Housing and Community Development/Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board; other applicable state agencies.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes, strike line 15. The substitute removes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority from serving as staff support to the Board, so the definition is no longer needed.
- 11. Other Comments:** None.