

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1980

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

2. Patron: Reid

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program; established.

5. Summary: Establishes the Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program, whereby Longwood University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Military Institute, and The College of William and Mary in Virginia are required to annually, starting in the 2022-2023 academic year using any source of funds other than state funds or tuition or fee increases, identify and memorialize, to the extent possible, all enslaved individuals who labored on former and current institutionally controlled grounds and property, and provide a tangible benefit such as a college scholarship or community-based economic development program for individuals or specific communities with a demonstrated historic connection to slavery that will empower families to be lifted out of the cycle of poverty. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to collaborate with such institutions to establish guidelines for the implementation of the Program and to annually collect information on the implementation of the Program from such institutions and report such information to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Virginia African American Advisory Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The latest version of this bill does not explicitly set out what tangible benefit the institutions will need to provide. Any such benefit will have a fiscal impact on the institutions, but the actual effect is indeterminate until the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) develops guidelines for implementation. The costs to identify and memorialize enslaved individuals associated with the institutions are also indeterminate. SCHEV will incur costs due to staff time and resources dedicated to developing guidelines, but will be able to absorb these costs within its current budget.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Longwood University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Military Institute, The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.