

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1555

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

2. Patron: Brewer

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Higher education institutions; human trafficking awareness and prevention training required.

5. Summary: Directs the governing board of each public institution of higher education to develop and implement policies requiring a trauma-informed human trafficking awareness and prevention training program be provided to and completed by all first-year students as a part of such institution's first-year orientation program. The bill also directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to encourage private institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies to provide such a human trafficking awareness and prevention training program as a part of their first-year orientation programs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia can absorb any costs generated by this legislation.

It is anticipated that public institutions who do not currently offer human trafficking awareness and prevention training would need to contract with an external vendor for services, in which estimates for procurement may vary based on the student population of each institution and other factors, so true fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB1373.