

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1448

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: Lucas

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; reduced rate tuition charges for certain students.

5. Summary: Permits the Norfolk State University Board of Visitors and the Virginia State University Board of Visitors to charge reduced rate tuition to any non-Virginia student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of course work and is enrolled in a program at the relevant institution that leads to employment in a high-demand field or who withdraws from a program that does not lead to employment in a high-demand field and subsequently enrolls in a program that leads to employment in a high-demand field, as determined by the board of visitors based on data compiled and provided by the Virginia Office of Education Economics. Additionally, any non-Virginia student who is charged reduced rate tuition will forfeit eligibility if the student withdraws from the program that leads to employment in a high-demand field and enrolls in a non-high-demand field program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact is indeterminate. While Norfolk State University (NSU) and Virginia State University (VSU) may not charge full out-of-state tuition rates to students enrolled in programs leading to employment in “high-demand fields,” thus potentially reducing their revenues, they may attract increased student enrollment in these programs, potentially increasing revenues. Assuming both schools charge in-state tuition to these students, using the difference between both institutions’ 2022-2023 school year tuition rates for in-state and out-of-state undergraduates, multiplied by out-of-state undergraduate enrollment in STEM programs alone, there is an estimated \$6.7 million tuition revenue loss for NSU and \$4.2 million tuition revenue loss for VSU. These figures do not account for credit hours completed by each student. Any additional revenue generated from increased student enrollment as a result of this bill is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Norfolk State University and Virginia State University

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB2272 as enrolled.