Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB1711			
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- **2. Patron** Callahan
- **3. Committee** Appropriations

4. Title Higher Education 9(c) Issuance Bill

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds subject to the provisions of Article X, Section 9(c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount not to exceed \$98,883,000 plus financing costs for revenue-producing capital projects. Of this amount, \$45,630,000 relates to supplements for eight previously authorized projects. The remaining \$53,253,000 is for two new capital projects.

The bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth and therefore, constitute tax-supported debt. The bill also states that an emergency exists and that the bill is in force from its passage.

6. No Fiscal Impact: It is expected that the projects, included in the bill, will generate sufficient nongeneral fund revenues to pay operating expenses and debt service.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Institutions will need nongeneral fund appropriations for debt service once the projects are complete. Institutions of higher education affected by the bill must set rates, fees, and/or charges at levels that will generate sufficient net revenues to retire the debt.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

George Mason University Old Dominion University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Treasury Board Department of the Treasury

James Madison University Virginia State University Virginia Commonwealth University

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: House Bill 1711 is identical to Senate Bill 770.

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