

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1060

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Amundson

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Tuition waiver; senior citizens.

5. Summary: Authorizes those individuals who qualified for property tax relief pursuant to § 58.1-3210, for the year preceding the year in which enrollment is sought in any state institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, to register and enroll in courses as a full-time or part-time student for academic credit without paying tuition or fees except fees established for the purpose of paying for course materials.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The tuition and mandatory fees not paid by eligible individuals would have to be absorbed by the individual college or university. The number of households receiving property tax relief in Virginia in 2007 is 69,799, in 134 cities and counties. Based on the information available, it is estimated the fiscal impact would be minimal, since this portion of the population is unlikely to seek higher education.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state colleges and universities, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Current Virginia law requires that tuition-paying students are accommodated in courses before senior citizens participating in this program. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia could be requested to collect this information and provide the General Assembly with future fiscal impact.

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C: Secretary of Education