

Department of Planning and Budget

2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB524

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Suit

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Eligibility for in-state tuition; active duty and retired military personnel

5. Summary: Provides that in determining the domiciliary intent of retired military personnel residing in the Commonwealth at the time of their retirement, or the domiciliary intent of their dependent spouse or children who claim domicile through them, who voluntarily elect to establish Virginia as their permanent residence for domiciliary purposes, the requirement to prove domiciliary intent in Virginia for one year is waived. Provides that any active duty members, activated guard or reservist members, or guard or reservist members mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more, who are either stationed or assigned by their military service to a work location in Virginia and are residing in Virginia are entitled to in-state tuition.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: A potential revenue loss for the Commonwealth's colleges and universities could not be determined due to the fact that the actual number of students in this category is indeterminate. The difference between in-state and out-of-state higher education operating funds based on the per credit hour average of George Mason University, Old Dominion University, and Christopher Newport University for each three credit hour undergraduate course is approximately \$1,450. Any resulting revenue loss would have to be absorbed by the admitting higher education institution.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All of the Commonwealth's public higher education institutions, primarily Old Dominion University, George Mason University, and the Virginia Community College System; specifically Northern Virginia Community College and Tidewater Community College. To a lesser degree, Christopher Newport University, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University would likely be affected.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: The effected institutions may have to institute additional parameters to verify if the residency requirements have meet met by the students whose parents or spouses are retired military.

11. Other Comments: Additional costs may be incurred by the institution to try and recoup any additional tuition and fees that may be due, should the retirees in the aforementioned legislation not meet the domicile requirements.

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C: Secretary of Education

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