

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB126

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Edwards

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Partial tuition waiver; children of university and college faculty.

5. Summary/Purpose: Establishes the Dependent Children of University and College Faculty Reduced Tuition Program and Fund, to provide 50 percent tuition waivers for the children of current full-time faculty members who have been employed full-time by any one or more public Virginia college or university for an aggregate period of at least seven years. The tuition waivers shall be used for undergraduate education at any public institution of higher education in Virginia. This would create a new fund within the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, if funding is provided, it should be placed in Item 147.

8. Fiscal implications: The average cost of mandatory tuition and fees at four year institutions is approximately \$4,700. The average cost at the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is \$2,250. Based on the criteria listed above, for every 10 students meeting the criteria, \$23,500 would be required for four year institutions, \$11,250 for every 10 students at VCCS or Richard Bland College. In calculating future costs, tuition increases of at least 5 percent should be included each year. There are currently approximately 6,200 faculty members at Virginia's public colleges and institutions. The number that have eligible dependents is unknown.

Because this legislation creates a fund dedicated to this program, it is uncertain if general fund support is anticipated. For every one percent of faculty members with eligible children, the estimated cost of the legislation would equal up to \$140,000.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; all state colleges and universities.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

Date: 1/23/08/RSA

C: Secretary of Education