

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB636

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cuccinelli

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Students' high school records

5. Summary: Each public institution of higher education shall, and each private institution of higher education may, request from the originating school a complete student record, including any mental health records held by the school, of each student accepted to such institution. These records shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal law, including the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: There should be little or no impact on local school districts from this legislation. Student records, including transcripts and test scores, are presently provided by the schools to the colleges and universities. This legislation expands the parameters, requiring public colleges to request all records, including mental health records. Any additional cost would be borne by the local school districts. There may be a cost to the higher education institutions to handle and store this information.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state colleges and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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C: Secretary of Education

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