

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1608

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Poisson

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Automatic acceptance of certain students applying for admission.

5. Summary: Directs the governing boards of public institutions of higher education to provide for the automatic acceptance of those resident students applying for admission who have graduated from a public or private high school in Virginia with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of such student's graduating class and have been honorably discharged from service in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserves, the Virginia National Guard, or the Virginia National Guard Reserve.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Minimal. It is not anticipated that many ex-military (potential) students graduating in the top 10 percent of their Virginia high school class would request automatic admission to a specific college, nor would this disrupt the admission or enrollment standards.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All four-year state colleges and universities, specifically University of Virginia, The College of William and Mary, and Virginia Tech whose overall admission standards may be higher than that of the student. (Note: The policy at Virginia Military Institute requires that students complete their degree requirements by the age of 25. This would require a change in policy of this institution.)

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education

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