

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2246

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Torian

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Provides eligibility for in-state tuition for of civilian personnel of the military relocating to Virginia

5. Summary: Provides that any civilian employees of the Department of Defense that are realigned to Virginia as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), and their dependents, shall pay the in-state tuition rate at the public institution of higher education in which they are enrolled.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is not likely that this bill would affect tuition and fee revenues for students whose parents or guardians are transferred out of state, as these students currently have domicile determined. The most likely impact is the revenue differential between in-state and out-of-state students for civilian personnel transferring into Virginia. In 2009, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency estimated that approximately 20-25 students may be affected by this bill. Based on an average in-state/out-of-state tuition differential of \$680 per credit hour, and an estimated 30 credit hours per year, the average tuition revenue lost could be approximately \$510, 000 spread among the schools enrolling these students.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Most likely, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, Christopher Newport University, Norfolk State University, Tidewater Community College, Northern Virginia Community College, and to a lesser degree, Virginia State University, as the regions these colleges and universities are located in have the highest concentration of Department of Defense civilian personnel. Other colleges and universities may be affected to a lesser degree.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This language is similar to legislation enacted in the state of Maryland and is targeted towards students affected by family BRAC-related job relocation to Virginia. Currently, a family must establish domicile for at least one full year in order to gain in-state eligibility. The bill ties eligibility with parent's employment at a Virginia military base due to BRAC transfers, and thus, the need to eliminate domicile for one year in order to qualify for in-state tuition and state financial aid. The beneficiary is only a dependent spouse, and

child of employee. This bill does not cover: (1) a new hire at the Virginia location; (2) active duty military (other provisions cover these students); (3) an employee changing jobs in order to move to Virginia; (4) employees moved from one Virginia location to another; (5) spouse or children who move in advance of the employee (the employee has to be reassigned).