

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1184

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

2. Patron: Rust

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Dual enrollment for high school students at the Virginia Community Colleges

5. Summary: Requires local school boards and community colleges to develop agreements allowing high school students to complete an associate's degree or a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a community college concurrent with a high school diploma.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: *This fiscal impact statement has been revised to clarify that no budget amendment is required with this legislation, as dual enrollment programs are prevalent throughout the Commonwealth.*

The colleges, to various degrees, have dual enrollment arrangements with local divisions in their service areas; thus, the cost to implement this is anticipated to be negligible. The arrangements vary from community college to community college; some school divisions absorb the cost of tuition, some pass the cost of tuition on to the parents, and some colleges "discount" the cost of tuition back to the school divisions. Dual enrollment students' count in the FTE general fund/nongeneral fund mix, and increased participation could require additional general fund support.

The Virginia Community College System estimates that 443 additional students would probably elect this option the first year, with 885 students electing this option each year on a permanent basis. These additional students may result in additional tuition and fee revenue to the Virginia Community College System if the arrangements made with local school districts include tuition support from the school district or the student.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Community Colleges, local school districts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012

C: Secretary of Education