

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB255

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Miller, J.C.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Pilot program for senior high school students to attend Thomas Nelson Community College

5. Summary: Requires the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to create a pilot program to allow certain high school seniors to enroll in Thomas Nelson Community College full-time. Tuition and fees would be paid as follows: one-third by the student, one-third by the local school division the student had attended immediately preceding the program and one-third to be waived by the community college; however, tuition for any science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) course, as defined by the Council, would be waived. In order to be eligible for this program, a student would need to have earned all credits required for a standard or advanced high school diploma by the end of the first semester of his senior year of high school. The provisions of the act would expire July 1, 2014.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, see item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: Thomas Nelson Community College determined that approximately 90 students would qualify for this program, 60 non-STEM students, and 30 STEM students. Based on these estimates, the amount of tuition waivers would total an estimated \$37,000. This excludes the cost of development by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for this program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Thomas Nelson Community College, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia Community College System central office. It is anticipated that Thomas Nelson Community College could absorb this loss of revenue.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Virginia Community College System has dual enrollment programs at most of its colleges. This expands the program at one particular college.

Date: January 19, 2012,

C: Secretary of Education