
Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1767ER

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

2. Patron: Watson

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: The purchasing of used manufacturing equipment with Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund (HEETF) funding

5. Summary: Establishes a fund for a grant program for business donations of new machinery and equipment, purchased within the last 12 months by the business, to Virginia's community colleges and vocational schools. The machinery and equipment are to be principally used in Virginia in teaching or training students of the donor community college or vocational school, and the recipient community college or school must certify that the machinery or equipment was needed. The grant amount would equal 20 percent of the purchase price paid by the business for the machinery and equipment. The business would not be allowed more than an aggregate of \$5,000 of grants in any year for such donations.

The bill is contingent upon funding in a general appropriation act adopted by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, because an appropriation of \$500,000 was approved in the final General Assembly budget (conference report, Item 254#2c.) to address the enactment requiring funding.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is likely that there will be administrative costs associated with the program for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) for administering this new fund. That cost could include equipment evaluation, transportation costs, logistics, reporting, training and maintenance. Additionally, there may be a cost to the VCCS to maintain eligible equipment for vocational schools suitable for donation on their website, and processing the payment for the equipment. VCCS will have to absorb any such costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Community College System and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and the Virginia Department of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.