

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 628

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ruff

**3. Committee:** Finance

**4. Title:** Establishes a Community College Workforce Training Grant Program.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Community College Workforce Training Grant Program to provide a \$1,000 incentive payment to a community college for each student who (i) has successfully completed a noncredit workforce training program at the community college and (ii) subsequently obtains an industry-recognized certification or license in a high employer demand field in the region served by the community college.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, if the General Assembly chooses to provide funding to this new program; Item 213.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is no fiscal impact from the legislation itself, unless general fund money is appropriated to supply the Community College Workforce Training Grant Fund that is established in the bill. The legislation protects the grant program from obligation to pay eligible grant requests that exceed available funds.

The Virginia Community College System estimates that it can administer the grant program through existing budgeted resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Community College System; Virginia Workforce Council.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** There appears to be a member amendment in connection to this proposal that would appropriate \$7.5 million per year in general fund support to the Community College Workforce Training Grant Fund. This bill is identical to HB 1225.