

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1676

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

**2. Patron:** Byron

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Dual enrollment; career and technical education.

**5. Summary:** The bill would require each local school board and community college in the Commonwealth, in their agreements for postsecondary degrees, to specify the option for students to take courses as part of the career and technical education curriculum leading to an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license from a community college concurrent with a high school diploma. The bill also permits each local school board to implement an agreement for postsecondary credential, certification, and license attainment with a private educational entity in the Commonwealth. The bill does not define what types of private educational entities would be included.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would expand the scope of the dual enrollment agreements between community colleges and local school divisions. Currently, school divisions must have agreements with community colleges specifying options for students to complete an associate's degree concurrent with a high school diploma. The bill would expand the agreements to include courses as part of the career and technical education curriculum leading to an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license.

The 23 Virginia community colleges have different cost structures for dual enrollment courses. These agreements are worked out at the local level between the school division and the community colleges, and various fee arrangements are used. The agreements may provide that the students pay tuition, the local school division provide for the cost, or that the community college waive tuition. The state and local fiscal impact from the proposed legislation cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Community College System, local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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