

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2102

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:** Hester

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Requires institutions of higher education to update sexual misconduct policies and for the State Council of Higher Education to oversee the process.

**5. Summary:** Requires each public institution of higher education to update its sexual misconduct policy by September 30, 2015. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) to approve or disapprove the updated policies and to oversee the updating process.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** In order to approve or disapprove of each public institution of higher education's sexual misconduct policies, SCHEV would have to hire a consultant or wage person, given the significant staff time needed to adequately review all institutions' policies. Because the requirements of this legislation are one-time and not recurring, the agency likely can absorb the impacts of fulfilling its requirements within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia public institutions of higher education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB 1379, in that both bills require each public institution of higher education to update its sexual misconduct policies. HB 2102 differs from SB 1379 in that SCHEV must *approve or disapprove* such policies and oversee the updating process, whereas SB 1379 requires each institution of higher education to certify to SCHEV that it has updated such policies within certain criteria developed by SCHEV and the Department of Criminal Justice Services.