

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1379

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: Saslaw

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Requires biennial updates of sexual misconduct policies by public institutions of higher education.

5. Summary: Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to certify to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) that it has reviewed its sexual misconduct policy and updated it as appropriate, at least biennially. The bill requires SCHEV and the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish criteria for the certification process and to report to the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the certification status of institutions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated fiscal impact from this legislation. It is anticipated that the provisions of the bill can be accommodated within existing resources at the institutions of higher education, SCHEV, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia public institutions of higher education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 2102, 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 HB 2102 requires SCHEV to *approve or disapprove* such policies and oversee the updating process, which is not required by SB 1379.