

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB971

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: Ruff

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Community colleges; workforce training.

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, with such fields to be identified by the State Board for Community Colleges.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, in a new Item under agency 260.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would provide up to \$1,000 per student to community colleges for students who complete noncredit training and subsequently obtain workforce training credentials. The fiscal impact will be dependent on what funding is provided by the General Assembly. For each 100 students meeting the provisions of this legislation, the cost would be \$100,000 plus any administrative overhead.

The Virginia Community College System submitted a \$7 million budget request for general fund support for this program during the budget development process.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Community College System, the Department of Accounts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.