

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1206

<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:** Greason

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Comprehensive community colleges; noncredit workforce credentials; Virginia Pathway.

**5. Summary:** The bill requires the Virginia Community College System to approve (i) a plan and funding formula to support capacity building for and development and expansion of noncredit workforce credential programs at comprehensive community colleges that prepare students for in-demand noncredit workforce credentials that are aligned with the knowledge and skill sets that are required for the available occupations in each region, (ii) a plan for providing financial incentives to comprehensive community colleges that demonstrate exceptional performance or improvement in the development and expansion of such noncredit workforce credential programs, and (iii) a plan and timeline for assessing the impact of a pilot set of noncredit workforce credentials on short-term and long-term job attainment and wages. The bill requires the System to submit a report to the General Assembly and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development no later than January 1 of each year with certain data from the previous fiscal year on noncredit workforce credential attainment by students at comprehensive community colleges. This bill also has a second enactment requiring a plan and funding formula for development and expansion of noncredit workforce credentials by October 31, 2016, and all other plans required in this legislation by January 1, 2017.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Virginia Community College System, the requirements of this legislation can be achieved with the \$24.6 million of biennial general fund support provided for workforce development and credentialing in the Governor's introduced budget bill.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** SB575 and HB792 are identical to this bill.