

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB792

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: James

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

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 HB1206 are identical to this bill.