# Department of Planning and Budget
## 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB575

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| **House of Origin** | ☒ | Introduced | ☐ | Substitute | ☐ Engrossed |
| **Second House** | ☐ | In Committee | ☐ | Substitute | ☐ Enrolled |

2. **Patron:** Ruff

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

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:** HB 792 HB 1206 are identical to this bill.

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