

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1664

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

2. Patron: Delegate Greason

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Collect and publish wage data

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to disseminate student information to agencies acting on behalf or in place of the federal government to gain access to data on wages earned outside the Commonwealth or through federal employment. SCHEV is also authorized to administer the Virginia Longitudinal Data System as a multiagency partnership for the purposes of developing educational, health, social service, and employment outcome data.

Finally, SCHEV is required to publish data on its website regarding the proportion of graduates of each public institution of higher education and each nonprofit private institution of higher education eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program who are employed at 18 months and five years after the date of graduation. The data would include:

- the program and the program level, as recognized by SCHEV, for each degree awarded by each institution,
- the percentage of graduates known to be employed in the Commonwealth,
- the average salary and the average higher education-related debt for the graduates on which the data is based,
- rates of enrollment in remedial coursework for each institution,
- individual student credit accumulation for each institution,
- rates of postsecondary degree completion, and
- any other information that SCHEV determines is necessary to address adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education and alignment between secondary and postsecondary education.

Each institution of higher education would provide a link to the data.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Section 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: SCHEV does not expect that the proposed legislation, as currently written, would result in the need for additional resources or personnel for it or the institutions of higher education. However, the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) would be

contracted by SCHEV to request, process, and disclose federal wage data from the Federal Employment Data Exchange System (FEDES). Federal Regulations 20 CFR 603.8 require that VEC be reimbursed for its costs of disclosure.

The estimated cost of VEC initially developing the program to retrieve the data is \$944 (10 hours at \$94.38 per hour). The estimated cost of requesting, processing, and disclosing FEDES data on a quarterly basis is \$378 (four hours at \$94.38 per hour) or \$1,512 per year. SCHEV would be responsible for reimbursing VEC approximately \$2,456 the first year and \$1,512 thereafter using existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Employment Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 01/13/17

c: Secretary of Education