

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2260

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| 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: Delegate Villanueva

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Require an ombudsman at each four-year public institution of higher education

5. Summary: This bill requires each baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to employ a full-time ombudsman to provide confidential and independent assistance to faculty, staff, and students in resolving complaints, conflicts, disputes, and other problems.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to a sampling of Virginia's public four-year institutions of higher education, several already have individuals who are serving in a capacity that meets the requirements of this proposed legislation. Those institutions that currently do not have an ombudsman provided cost estimates ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000 that would include the salary, benefits, and operational costs associated with the position. In order to meet the requirements of this bill, those institutions would either have to reallocate resources or redirect duties.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's public four-year institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 01/27/17

c: Secretary of Education