

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2427

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 Cox

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Revise the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program grants eligibility

5. Summary: This bill makes several changes to the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (VGAP), including adding requirements that:

- each eligible student receives a grant from the institution's appropriations for undergraduate student financial assistance before grants are awarded to students with equivalent remaining need;
- each eligible student receives a grant in an amount greater than other grants awarded to students with equivalent remaining need;
- each eligible student receives a grant in an amount greater than the grant of each eligible student with equivalent remaining need in the next-lowest class level; and
- each grant be determined by a proportionate award schedule adopted by each institution and vary according to each student's remaining need and the total of tuition, fees, and other necessary charges, including books.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in order to comply with paragraph D of this proposed legislation, the public institutions of higher education would have to establish larger awards for higher class levels. If no additional general fund support is provided, institutions would either have to reduce the number of student awards or the amount provided. Any additional general fund support necessary to address the requirements of this bill and keep existing aid recipients at their current aid levels would depend upon the award differentiation by class-level made by the institutions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's public institutions of higher education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 2426 and SB 1527.

Date: 01/25/17

c: Secretary of Education