

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1234

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Senator Dunnavant

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Establish a passport credit program

**5. Summary:** This bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), in consultation with each public institution of higher education, to develop a passport credit program that will be offered at each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education. Under this proposal, each passport credit course will satisfy a lower division general education requirement at any public institution of higher education, and any student who completes a passport credit course at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education will be permitted to transfer those earned credit hours to any public institution of higher education to which the student has been admitted and apply such credit hours toward the general education requirements at such institution. Finally, this bill requires SCHEV to develop such a program by June 1, 2018 and each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education to offer such a program by the 2018-2019 academic year.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any costs resulting from complying with the requirements of this proposed legislation could be absorbed by SCHEV and Virginia's associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education using existing resources.

**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:** None.

**Date:** 01/27/17

c: Secretary of Education