

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1234

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

2. Patron: Senator Dunnivant

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Establish a passport credit program

5. Summary: This bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and each public institution of higher education to develop a passport credit program, including any necessary guidelines. In developing the program, SCHEV and the public institutions of higher education will establish competencies and standards for each passport credit course. Any course that does not meet or exceed the standards developed under the program will not be considered a passport credit course. It will be the course provider's responsibility to ensure that a passport credit course meets program standards. Each passport credit course will satisfy a lower division general education requirement at any public institution of higher education.

SCHEV is required to develop a listing of general education courses guaranteed to transfer from each associate-degree granting institution to a baccalaureate institution of higher education for undergraduate general education course credit by July 1, 2018 and a program-specific course list by July 1, 2019. By July 1, 2018, SCHEV must also provide to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education its plan to develop the passport credit course competencies and standards, strategies for implementation, an analysis of any potential passport credit courses, and a plan for ongoing data analysis and updates. The deadline for the passport credit program to be developed is July 1, 2020. Each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education will be expected to offer the program by the 2020-2021 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 public institutions of higher education using their existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 02/21/17

c: Secretary of Education