

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1346

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: Senator Surovell

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Provide transfer credit information

5. Summary: This bill requires each associate-degree-granting institution of higher education to designate in its course catalog each course that is offered in an associate degree program and is transferable for course credit to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education. This bill also mandates that the information be provided on the State Transfer Tool to all enrolled students.

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 (SCHEV), 59 associate degrees were awarded by Virginia's four-year public institutions of higher education and 18,526 associate degrees were awarded by Richard Bland College (RBC) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) during the 2015-2016 academic year. Therefore, when estimating a possible fiscal impact resulting from the proposed legislation, only RBC, VCCS, and SCHEV were consulted. Given the small number of associate degrees awarded by Virginia Tech, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, it is assumed that these public universities could absorb any costs resulting from this bill.

Richard Bland College

RBC estimates that it can absorb the cost of implementing this bill as long as it only covers those classes in its program to program articulation agreements with the 14 currently participating four-year public institutions of higher education. Those courses have already been identified as acceptable and transferable to and by the participating institutions in their specific program agreements. Therefore, placing those courses and the participant institutions in the State Transfer Tool would not be burdensome to RBC.

Virginia Community College System

VCCS is confident that reallocating existing resources would cover the costs associated with modifying the course catalog and placing the required information in the State Transfer Tool.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

SCHEV estimates that it would be able to absorb any costs related to posted information in the State Transfer Tool.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia's two-year public institutions of higher education, certain associate-degree-granting four-year institutions of higher education (Virginia Tech, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University), and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Line 31, after "granting" insert "public".

- 11. Other Comments:** None.

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c: Secretary of Education