

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 1430

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 Reeves

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Develop guidelines for student medical and behavioral health services

5. **Summary:** This bill requires that policies developed and implemented by public institutions of higher education regarding suicide prevention ensure that after a student-death-related crisis, affected students have access to appropriate medical and behavioral health services - including postvention services. Postvention services are defined as those designed to facilitate the grieving or adjustment process, stabilize the environment, reduce the risk of negative behaviors, and prevent the spread of suicidal tendencies. The bill also requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to develop guidelines regarding such policies and to review the policy of each public institution of higher education at least once every four years.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 146.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$0	0.0	N/A
2018	\$20,000	0.0	GF
2019	\$0	0.0	N/A
2020	\$0	0.0	N/A
2021	\$0	0.0	N/A
2022	\$0	0.0	N/A
2023	\$0	0.0	N/A

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Most of Virginia's public institutions of higher education should have established policies regarding mental health services for their students. This bill requires the addition of postvention services, which the public institutions of higher education may offer to some degree. Any fiscal impact resulting from the implementation of this element of the bill should be able to be addressed by the public institutions of higher education using existing resources.

SCHEV currently does not have the expertise on staff to develop the guidelines as prescribed by this bill. If the language is not amended to relieve SCHEV of this duty, then a temporary specialist would be needed. Based on prior experience implementing policies, SCHEV

estimates that it would require one-time assistance equaling 0.3 FTE at approximately \$20,000 (\$30 per hour).

- 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:** Language could be considered directing SCHEV to work collaboratively with the Department of Health, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the public institutions of higher education to establish guidelines for appropriate medical and behavioral health services following a student suicide.

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c: Secretary of Education