

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1493

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Computer Science for All Virginia Students Advisory Committee, established.

5. Summary: Directs Northern Virginia Community College, in consultation with the Department of Education, to contract with a nonprofit organization to develop, market, and implement computer science training and professional development activities for public school teachers in the Commonwealth, and creates an advisory committee to advise the college and nonprofit organization on implementation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. If the appropriation is to be transferred from the Department of Education, an amendment is necessary in Item 138. If this program is funded with new appropriation, an amendment is necessary in Item 213.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The current appropriation act includes \$550,000 each year under Direct Aid to Public Education to train new teachers in computer science and develop an in-state infrastructure for training existing teachers to teach computer science curricula. The Department of Education currently is procuring a contract for this initiative. It is unclear if this legislation intends to redirect the current Direct Aid appropriation to fund the provisions of this bill. In order for Northern Virginia Community College to administer the program, funding must be appropriated to the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). If the funding is not being transferred from the current appropriation in Direct Aid to Public Education, a new general fund appropriation would be needed in the VCCS to implement this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, Virginia Community College System

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Consideration may be given to adding the phrase “The Virginia Community College System, acting through” on line 13 before “Northern Virginia Community College” and “with the approval of the State Board for Community Colleges” on line 18 before “shall establish”.

11. Other Comments: Companion bill to HB1663