

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 1425

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Delegate Rodman

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** Provide full or partial tuition waivers to children of faculty members

5. **Summary:** This bill authorizes public institutions of higher education to grant full or partial tuition waivers to dependent children of their faculty members, which would be paid out of nongeneral funds and used for undergraduate education. The institutions are permitted to set general eligibility criteria for participation – including the length of employment required for a faculty member, the maximum age of eligible dependents, and the maximum amount of credit hours. Furthermore, this bill authorizes the public institutions of higher education to enter into reciprocal agreements allowing the dependents of faculty to use waivers at other public institutions of higher education that are party to the agreement.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is unknown how many institutions would implement this benefit and the number of individuals who would take advantage of full or partial tuition waivers offered by this proposed legislation. Given that this is a voluntary and not mandatory initiative and that the eligibility criteria would vary from one institution to another, it is presently not possible to estimate the total amount of institutional funds needed.

The average 2017-2018 in-state undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee charges for Virginia's public four-year institutions is \$12,702. Depending on the number of eligible students and whether the waivers would be full or partial, institutions might need to dedicate considerable nongeneral funds to support their waiver programs. Larger institutions of higher education would probably be able to implement this program easier than the smaller ones with more limited nongeneral funds.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia's public institutions of higher education

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 01/19/18

c: Secretary of Education