

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB3

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

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Dual enrollment courses; quality standards, universal transfer course credit.

5. Summary: Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council), in consultation with the Department of Education and each public institution of higher education, to establish (i) quality standards for dual enrollment courses, including quality standards for course instructors, materials, and content; (ii) a process by which dual enrollment courses that meet or exceed such quality standards are certified as universal transfer courses that satisfy course credit or other academic requirements at any public institution of higher education; and (iii) a policy for the satisfaction of course credit or other academic requirements through the successful completion of universal transfer courses by entering students that (a) identifies the course credit or other academic requirements of each public institution of higher education that the student satisfies by successfully completing a universal transfer course and (b) ensures, to the extent possible, that the satisfaction of course credit or other academic requirements is consistent across each public institution of higher education and each such universal transfer course. The provisions of the bill replace existing provisions that require the Council and each public institution of higher education to establish policies relating to course credit for dual enrollment courses but that do not provide for quality standards or the universal transfer designation for such courses.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require devoted staff time at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, Richard Bland College, and all four-year institutions, in order to develop quality standards. It is anticipated this coordination can be absorbed with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Community College System, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Department of Education, Richard Bland College, all institutions of higher education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 77 and SB 107. Additionally, HB 919 and SB 631 also include language that would require standards for dual enrollment courses to be counted as course credit at four-year institutions, through their inclusion in the Passport Program.