

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1666

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

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Reduced tuition rates for certain students attending the University of Virginia's College at Wise

5. Summary: Permits the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to charge a reduced rate tuition to any student enrolled at the University of Virginia's College at Wise who resides in the Appalachian Region as defined in relevant federal law, is domiciled in the Appalachian Region, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges at a public institution of higher education in the Appalachian Region. The bill contains an emergency clause.

The bill adds a provision that sets the reduced tuition entitlement for students who reside in the Appalachian Region to rates equal to the in-state tuition rates for Virginia students attending the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. If additional out-of-state students enroll at the college than do currently, any nongeneral fund appropriation needed to address increased tuition and fee revenues can be addressed administratively.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. Indeterminate. See Line 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal implications associated with the proposed legislation are uncertain since this would be the first time this approach has been implemented. While the University of Virginia's College at Wise (the college) would not be charging out-of-state tuition rates to students attending the college from the Appalachian Region, thus potentially reducing its revenue, it may attract additional students to attend the college than it currently attracts, potentially increasing revenues.

There is a possibility this proposal could negatively impact Radford University's student recruitment efforts, as it does presently draw nearly 50 out-of-state students from the states included in the Appalachian Region. It is not known, though, how many of these students actually live in the Appalachian Region.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

University of Virginia's College at Wise
Radford University

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Senate Bill 1519 (House Substitute) is similar to House Bill 1666 (Senate Substitute).