

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2185

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Kilgore

**3. Committee:** Appropriations

**4. Title:** Virginia Rural Information Technology Apprenticeship Grant Fund and Program.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Rural Information Technology Apprenticeship Grant Fund and Program, to be administered by the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, for the purpose of awarding grants to small, rural information technology businesses in certain localities in the Southwest and Southside regions of Virginia to establish 18-month apprenticeship programs for full-time employees that combine mentorship and on-the-job training to enhance the experience and skills of such employees.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The potential fiscal impact is indeterminate as it is unknown how much funding the General Assembly might provide to support the program. Administration of the program, to include grant awards and reporting, will require staff time at Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center and in the Office of the Chief Workforce Development Officer, but it is not possible to estimate the magnitude of such impact and whether additional staff might be required without a dollar figure associated with the program.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Chief Workforce Development Officer.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.