

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2471

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

**2. Patron:** Aird

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Prohibits the use of criminal history to be used in determining admission to public institutions of higher education

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation prohibits each public institution of higher education from (i) utilizing an institution-specific admissions application that contains questions about the criminal history of the applicant or (ii) denying admission to any applicant on the basis of any criminal history information provided by the applicant on any third-party admissions application accepted by the institution.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The legislation prohibits institutions of higher education from asking questions about criminal history on the institution specific admissions applications form. Based on an informal survey, some institutions, if not all institutions, consider the criminal background check as part of the applications review. In most cases, the application is handled individually and the extent to which a criminal violation affects the decision is driven by the timing and severity of the event, and the student explanation. Some institutions include misdemeanors and felony convictions, while others just include felonies.

It is not known if modifications can be made of any third-party applications, such as the Common App or the Coalition App, which is widely used by the public institutions of higher education in Virginia. The costs associated with any changes to the applications, whether they be institution-specific or from a third-party applications, can be absorbed by the affected Virginia public institutions.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.