

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1589

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" 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:** Dunnavant

**3. Committee:** Finance

**4. Title:** Education and workforce development; Virginia Works Portal created.

**5. Summary:** Creates the Virginia Works Portal to provide one-stop access to information regarding career paths, education, workforce development, and employment opportunities in the Commonwealth. The bill creates the five-person Virginia Works Board (the Board) to oversee the Portal and the Virginia Works Advisory Committee of public and private sector stakeholders to advise the Board. The bill requires the Board to provide an annual update by July 1 on the development and implementation of the Virginia Works Portal. The substitute bill specifies that staff support and technical assistance to the Board shall be provided as designated by the Chief Workforce Development Officer.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The costs associated with development and implementation of the portal are indeterminate. It may be necessary to modify the various portals and applications that are required to link with the new Virginia Works Portal. Until the new portal's specifications are established, the costs to other systems and agencies is unknown.

The bill specifies that the Board shall develop a methodology to provide for funding and maintenance of the portal to be shared equitably among participating agencies, and that agency funding may be provided from existing funds appropriated in a general appropriation act for career or education pathway development, career development services, or economic development activities. Staff support and technical assistance to the Board shall be provided as designated by the Chief Workforce Development Officer.

Item 475 T. of HB1700/SB1100 includes \$8.0 million from the general fund in FY 2019 designated to integrate workforce case management systems across state agencies. The integration of workforce systems is similar to the purpose of this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Chief Workforce Development Advisor to the Governor; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; Virginia Community College System; Virginia Employment Commission; Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Labor

and Industry; Department of Social Services; Department of Housing and Community Development/Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board; other applicable state agencies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes, strike line 15. The substitute removes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority from serving as staff support to the Board, so the definition is no longer needed.

**11. Other Comments:** None.