

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1547

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

2. **Patron:** Lopez

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Public institutions of higher education; exemption from out-of-state tuition rates.

5. **Summary:** Permits an individual to be exempt from paying out-of-state tuition rates at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth if he meets the following criteria: (i) attended high school for at least one year in the Commonwealth and either (a) graduated from a public or private high school or program of home instruction in the Commonwealth or (b) passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Secretary of Education and (ii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that this exemption shall be available to students who meet the criteria regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, except that students with currently valid visas issued under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(F), 1101(a)(15)(H)(iii), 1101(a)(15)(J) (including only students or trainees), or 1101(a)(15)(M) are not eligible. Information obtained in implementing the provisions of the bill is confidential and shall be used or disclosed only for purposes of administering the program.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill could allow for certain students to become eligible for in-state tuition who currently pay the out-of-state rate, and would constitute a loss of revenue equal to the difference between the two for institutions where such students are enrolled. The number of students who would be affected and the related revenue loss are indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Public institutions of higher education.

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

11. **Other Comments:** Identical in substance to HB1138.