

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB985

<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:** Batten

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Victims of human trafficking; eligibility for in-state tuition.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a non-Virginia student who is present in the Commonwealth as a result of being a victim of human trafficking, defined in the bill, is eligible for in-state tuition. The bill provides that a person may be a victim of human trafficking regardless of whether any person has been charged with or convicted of any offense and that eligibility for in-state tuition may be proved by a certification of such status as a victim of human trafficking by a public or not-for-profit agency the primary mission of which is to provide services to victims of human trafficking. The bill also prohibits any institution of higher education from disclosing any personally identifying information or individual information related to the status of any non-Virginia student applying for in-state tuition as a victim of human trafficking.

**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 is indeterminate.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.