

## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1975

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

**2. Patron:** Rush

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; survivors.

**5. Summary:** Declares eligible for counseling at no cost and a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at any public institution of higher education any individual who, when they were under the age of 18 and a resident of the Commonwealth, became the victim of criminal sexual assault, sex trafficking, or child pornography, as evidenced by the conviction of the perpetrator of such crime. The bill provides that any individual who receives such waiver and counseling shall remain eligible if they maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill could provide a full waiver of tuition and fees to eligible students, and would therefore constitute lost revenue for the public institutions of higher education where such students are enrolled. The total number of students affected, and their distribution across institutions, is indeterminate; therefore, the magnitude of revenue loss and its impact on any particular institution is not presently known.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.