

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1926

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: Tata

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Tuition Assistance Grant Program; eligible institutions; proprietary private institutions of higher.

5. Summary: Declares eligible for participation in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program proprietary private institutions of higher education whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate, graduate, or professional training or education and not to provide religious training or theological education and that meet certain other criteria, including maintaining a principal place of business in the Commonwealth and maintaining accreditation. Under current law, eligibility is limited to nonprofit private institutions of higher education whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate, graduate, or professional training or education and not to provide religious training or theological education and that meet certain other criteria, including maintaining a principal place of business in the Commonwealth and maintaining accreditation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Under the existing Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) Program definition of an “eligible institution,” there are 28 eligible institutions. Extending eligibility according to the provisions of this bill would include hundreds of Virginia-based proprietary schools certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). This expanded eligibility may result in a significant increase of TAG-eligible students. Depending on actual student eligibility and participation, student awards may be reduced, or additional general fund appropriation may be necessary. At this time, any actual fiscal impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Private institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This legislation may conflict with Article VIII, Section 11 of the Constitution of Virginia (Aid to nonpublic higher education), which authorizes the General Assembly to provide for loans to, and grants to or on behalf of, students attending nonprofit institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate or graduate education and not to provide religious training or theological education.