

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1280

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public institutions of higher education; degree programs; integration of internship or work-based learning experiences; policies.

5. Summary: Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to convene a work group to make recommendations on the development, adoption, and implementation of policies that require participation in an internship or work-based learning experience to be integrated into a student's degree program without extending the time to complete the degree. The work group must submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by June 30, 2024. Additionally, if the work group determines that the adoption of these policies is logistically and fiscally viable for each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, the bill requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt such policies effective July 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia can absorb any costs associated with forming a work group. Any fiscal impact to public institutions of higher education is indeterminate at this time and dependent on recommendations of the work group.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Some institutions have cited transportation and other factors as inaccessible or unaffordable for all students to participate in internships or work-based learning experiences.