

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1280

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

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public institutions of higher education; course credit earned through internships required.

5. Summary: Directs the governing board of each public institution of higher education to develop policies requiring three of the total credit hours required for the completion of a bachelor's degree to be earned through participation in an internship or work-based learning experience that is integrated into a student's degree program without extending the time to complete the degree. The bill also directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to convene a work group to make recommendations on the development and implementation of the policies and submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Any fiscal impact to institutions is indeterminate at this time. The substitute bill as written should align with institutions' three-credit hour internship requirements; however, some institutions have cited transportation and other factors as inaccessible or unaffordable for all students. It is anticipated that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia can absorb any costs associated with forming a 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: None