

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1286

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: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Virginia Community College System; duties of State Board for Community Colleges; standardization.

5. Summary: Directs the State Board for Community Colleges to develop and implement a plan to standardize across all comprehensive community colleges the courses offered for health care-related degree, credential, or licensure programs. The bill requires such plan to include procedures and criteria for (i) standardizing the curriculum, quality, academic rigor, and standard of evaluation of such courses, (ii) awarding credit toward the completion of any such health care-related program for any student enrolled in a comprehensive community college who was previously employed in a field aligned with such program, and (iii) standardizing the manner in which academic credit is awarded for such health care-related courses and the manner in which clinical hour credits are awarded to ensure all academic credits and clinical hour credits are stackable and transferrable across all comprehensive community colleges.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time. Per the Virginia Community College System, all their nursing programs are currently standardized statewide. Additionally, other healthcare-related programs are reported as “mostly” standardized to meet licensure requirements and national accreditation standards. If additional standardization is required, a moderate fiscal impact is anticipated as this would require teaching faculty and administrators to collaborate with the State Board for Community Colleges to review course curriculum, practices, and industry standards and regulations to ensure consistency statewide.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Community College System

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None