

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1286

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: Appropriations

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, excluding any registered nursing programs. The bill requires such plan to include procedures and criteria for (i) standardizing courses by name, curriculum, coursework, quality, academic rigor, and standard of evaluation, (ii) awarding credit toward the completion of any such health care-related program for any student enrolled in a comprehensive community college, 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 Virginia Community College System (VCCS) indicates that this standardization would generate costs associated with convening teaching faculty and administrators to review course curriculum, practices, regulations, and industry standards to ensure consistency statewide. The substitute bill clarifies which VCCS healthcare programs must be standardized. VCCS colleges offer 363 non-registered nursing credential and specialty healthcare programs, offering 4,373 courses for academic credit. Non-credit credential-based programs would increase these numbers. VCCS anticipates that standardizing these programs will require convening faculty from all 23 community colleges over multiple meetings, both in-person and virtual. Additionally, maintaining standardization on an ongoing basis may require establishing a dedicated program oversight position. To support the standardization effort, regularly reconvene faculty to facilitate ongoing standardization, and to provide ongoing support, VCCS anticipates that costs could exceed \$300,000 annually. VCCS anticipates that it can absorb the cost to support the initial work

required by this bill. Depending on the level of support required annually, VCCS may require an additional position and appropriation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This fiscal impact statement was revised to incorporate additional feedback from VCCS.