

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1356

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: Reeves

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Public institutions of higher education; admissions; Virginia Promise to Veterans Act; report.

5. Summary: Establishes the Virginia Promise to Veterans Act for the purpose of removing barriers to higher education for veterans of the uniformed services, as defined in the bill, and assisting such veterans in making the transition to civilian life in the Commonwealth. In furtherance of this purpose, the bill directs the governing board of each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to provide for the guaranteed acceptance of any eligible veteran applicant, defined in the bill as any applicant who served as a member of the uniformed services and (i) graduated from a high school in the Commonwealth or (ii) served in the uniformed services while assigned to a location in the Commonwealth and who otherwise meets the admissions requirements to enroll as an undergraduate student at such institution. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, to develop guidelines relating to the administration of the provisions of the chapter for the governing board of each public institution of higher education and to develop guidelines for potential eligible veteran applicants, including any additional resources available to eligible veterans applying under the Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Community College System do not anticipate a fiscal impact to develop the guidelines and resources required by this bill. Responding public institutions of higher education primarily anticipate minimal fiscal impact to implement the provisions of the bill. Some institutions anticipate that increased enrollment as a result of the bill may require additional financial support. Any actual fiscal impact to public institutions of higher education is indeterminate at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1890.