

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1448

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Lucas

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; reduced rate tuition charges for certain students.

5. **Summary:** Permits the Norfolk State University Board of Visitors and the Virginia State University Board of Visitors to charge reduced rate tuition to any non-Virginia student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of course work and is enrolled in a program at the relevant institution that leads to employment in a high-demand field or who withdraws from a program that does not lead to employment in a high-demand field and subsequently enrolls in a program that leads to employment in a high-demand field, as determined by the board of visitors based on data compiled and provided by the Virginia Office of Education Economics. Additionally, any non-Virginia student who is charged reduced rate tuition will forfeit eligibility if the student withdraws from the program that leads to employment in a high-demand field and enrolls in a non-high-demand field program.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact is indeterminate. While Norfolk State University (NSU) and Virginia State University (VSU) may not charge full out-of-state tuition rates to students enrolled in programs leading to employment in “high-demand fields,” thus potentially reducing their revenues, they may attract increased student enrollment in these programs, potentially increasing revenues. Assuming both schools charge in-state tuition to these students, using the difference between both institutions’ 2022-2023 school year tuition rates for in-state and out-of-state undergraduates, multiplied by out-of-state undergraduate enrollment in STEM programs alone, there is an estimated \$6.7 million tuition revenue loss for NSU and \$4.2 million tuition revenue loss for VSU. These figures do not account for credit hours completed by each student. Any additional revenue generated from increased student enrollment as a result of this bill is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Norfolk State University and Virginia State University

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB2272 as enrolled.