

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1498

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

**2. Patron:** McClellan

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program; extension of eligibility.

**5. Summary:** Extends eligibility for the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program to the direct descendants of persons who were residing in jurisdictions in Virginia in which the public schools were closed to avoid desegregation between 1954 and 1964 and whose educations were affected by the school closings. Currently, only persons who resided in such jurisdictions at the time of the school closings are eligible for the program.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is not possible to quantify additional eligible students who will qualify for this program; therefore, the fiscal impact is indeterminate but dependent on funds available for such scholarships in the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program fund. The current fund balance is approximately \$1.0 million.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is responsible for processing payments to schools on behalf of eligible students. SCHEV has been operating the program with a maximum of 38 students in any given year, but this proposal could extend eligibility into the thousands. Depending on actual program participation, SCHEV may require additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill. At this time, the cost is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB1419.