

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1345

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Anthony

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** High school graduation requirements; satisfaction of elective course credits.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, Career and Technical Education directors, and industry partners, to develop and maintain a current, comprehensive, and uniform list of industry-recognized workforce credentials that students may take as a substitute for certain units of credit required for graduation, including industry-recognized workforce credentials that students may take as a substitute for elective credits and industry-recognized workforce credentials completed outside of regular school hours. The bill provides that such list uniformly applies across each local school division and that each school board is required to accept as a substitute for a required credit any credential listed as an accepted substitute for such required credit. The bill also requires any College and Career Access Pathways Partnership entered into between a school board and a comprehensive community college to specify, consistent with the list, industry-recognized credentials that are accepted as substitutes for certain credits required for high school graduation. Finally, the bill requires the Board, in establishing graduation requirements, to permit any student to substitute elective credits for completion of any industry-approved workforce credential, provided that such credential is on the list.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education and the Virginia Community College System can absorb any impact related to the requirements of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, Virginia Community College System, local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to SB199 as passed both houses.