

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

**1. Bill Number:** SB21

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:** Salim

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Public institutions of higher education; policies; individuals with disabilities.

**5. Summary:** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in consultation with representatives of public institutions of higher education, students enrolled at public institutions of higher education, higher education disability accommodation professionals, and a subject matter expert to be selected by the Council, to study the processes by which each public institution of higher education determines the eligibility for accommodations of an admitted or enrolled student with a temporary or permanent disability and identify in such processes and make recommendations to reduce any barriers to establishing eligibility. In conducting its study, the Council is required to (i) evaluate the current processes used by such institutions for determining a student's eligibility for accommodations, including any required documentation; (ii) identify any barriers students may face in establishing eligibility for accommodations through such processes; (iii) identify any resources that may be necessary for students to overcome such barriers in establishing eligibility for accommodations; and (iv) make recommendations on (a) strategies for reducing any such barriers, and (b) the development and establishment of a uniform accommodations eligibility determination process for public institutions of higher education. The bill requires the Council to submit to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education, and the Chairmen of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health a report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2024.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Council of Higher Education anticipates that any fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill is likely to be minor and absorbable. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on public institutions of higher education.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Council of Higher Education, Public Institutions of Higher Education.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.