



State Council of
Higher Education for Virginia

Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011

GPAC Meeting
February 28, 2011



1. Introduced vs. Passed

2. Implications for 2011



Introduced vs. Passed

- Does not amend § 2.2-5005. Incentive performance benefits.
- Adds a 10th purpose to the Act – to recognize institutions' unique missions and contributions.
- In funding-incentives section: (a) removes reference to private insts; and (b) adds consideration for insts' "maintenance of effort initiatives."



Introduced vs. Passed

- Alters section on institutional six-year plans: (a) clarifies reviewers of plans; and (b) adds consultants on SCHEV template.
- Moves sections on articulation and transfer & on Revenue Stabilization Fund; removes section on carry forward of nongeneral funds.



Introduced vs. Passed

- Alters tuition-limitation wording: (a) adds an inst's 2011-12 funding level as the base above which state funds shall be foregone for exceeding the calculation; (b) adds two additional circumstances under which the limitation will not apply (unavoidable cost increases; "other items" related to inst's mission and contributions).



Introduced vs. Passed

Higher Ed Advisory Committee (HEAC)

- Alters membership (clarifies 'who,' number, & appointment method).
- Alters recommendation chain/order.
- Keeps 5 responsibilities [Subsection B].
- Reduces review of current policies [Subsection C] to two (financial aid programs/practices; Restructuring as cost/efficiency tool).



Introduced vs. Passed

§ 23-38.88 (Eligibility under Restructuring)

- Does not repeal 12 original goals.
- Gives HEAC responsibility for goals, objectives, measures, and benefits / consequences, but does not repeal § 23-9.6:1.01, which vests measures and performance assessment with SCHEV.



Introduced vs. Passed

Enactment Clauses

- Removes clause regarding 2011 six-year plan requirements & decisions.
- Adds clause directing HEAC to review development of stabilization funds and to report to Governor and money-committee chairs.



Implications for 2011

If institutions' six-year plans are:

- (A) due by July 1, 2011, then SCHEV must develop and provide financial template by mid-May (Council meets May 17);
- (B) to include “anticipated level of general fund,” then by early April, SCHEV staff must confer with DPB and money cmtes to form the assumptions for the plan template’s bases; and
- (C) to be structured in accord with HEAC-developed criteria [line 454], then HEAC should be convened to begin work soon.



Implications for 2011

Enrollment projection process:

- (A) will be begun this week (SCHEV sends out instructions);
- (B) will require institutions' responses by mid-April (April 22);
- (C) may require, if projections are to be finalized before July 1, that the State Council meet in June (rather than July).



Implications for 2011

Institutions will receive comments on their six-year plans by September 1 and must respond to these comments by October 1.

Review of institutions' six-year plans – after July 1 and again after October 1 – by SCHEV staff, DPB, and others will overlap with development of biennial analyses/recommendations for 2012 legislative/budget session.



Implications for 2011

Frequency and schedule of HEAC meetings to be determined.

Frequency and schedule of Higher Ed Commission meetings to be determined.