

SCHEV General Assembly Report

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Passed

HB1599 VCCS Grant program for certain foster care and special needs adoption students (*Hamilton*)

Allows a student enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours per semester at a two-year institution to receive a grant for tuition and fees and to ensure that a student who has a prior bachelor's degree is excluded from participation.

HB1663 SCHEV; student advisory committee (SAC) (*Tata*)

Permits SCHEV to appoint students enrolled at accredited private institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to the student advisory committee (SAC).

HB1664 SCHEV; emergency management template (*Tata*)

Eliminates the requirement that SCHEV develop and revise a model institutional crisis and emergency management plan for public and private institutions. This charge was completed in 2008. Language will remain requiring VDEM to consult with SCHEV before updates are made.

HB1665 SCHEV; supply of nurses (*Tata*)

Eliminates the requirement that SCHEV develop a strategic statewide plan to ensure an adequate supply of nurses. This charge was completed in 2004 when SCHEV published *The Strategic Plan and Recommendations to Ensure an Adequate Supply of Nurses in Virginia*. SCHEV will retain the more permanent and overarching responsibility of coordinating postsecondary programs for health professions and occupations.

HB1810 Course credit for students called to active military duty (*Morrissey*)

Provides that the governing boards of each public institution of higher education must implement policies for the awarding of course credit to students who are called to active military duty during an academic semester.

HB1893 Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program; may be used to cover costs of required fees (*Dance*)

Scholarships awarded through the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program may be used to cover the costs of required academic fees, in addition to tuition and textbooks already provided by state law, and graduate study at the masters and doctoral levels, as determined by the Awards Committee.

HB2433 Eastern Virginia Medical School; BOV (*Joannou*)

This bill allows additional appointments by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Rules Committee. Release of construction funding for a new facility was contingent on, among other things, introduction of legislation modifying the composition of the Board of Visitors of EVMS.

HJ678 Classroom teachers; SCHEV, VCCS to study shortage (Tata)

Requests SCHEV and VCCS to study the shortage of classroom teachers in the Commonwealth, and specifically explore methods to attract students to the Virginia Community College System for the first two years of a teacher preparation program.

HR3939 ROTC program; institutions encouraged to provide credit (Cox)

Encourages the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to fully support the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs and provide the maximum recognition of ROTC courses for credits toward graduation.

SB1547 Financial aid programs, Eligibility for home-schooled students (Cuccinelli)

Provides that students who have successfully completed a program of home-school instruction and certain persons who have been excused from school attendance are eligible to participate in and are eligible for all state-supported financial aid programs. Amended to allow SCHEV to promulgate regulations which should be completed in summer of 2009.

Failed

HB1696, HB2324, HB2325, HB2475 Out-of State Tuition

The four bills requiring a cap on out-of-state tuition did not make it out of the House. Proposed budget language from the House also addressed concerns about out-of-state enrollment numbers. It called for any four-year public college or university with an out-of-state, undergraduate enrollment that exceeds 30% to reserve at least 70% of any increase in new freshman for in-state students. The institution would also reserve at least 80% of new transfer student slots for in-state students. This language did not make it out of conference committee.

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HB1638 Out-of-State Surcharge (Poisson)

Would have created an out-of-state student surcharge to support the College Scholarship Assistance Program (CSAP).

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HB1608 Automatic acceptance for certain military personnel (Poisson)

Would have directed the governing boards of public institutions of higher education to provide automatic acceptance to resident students who have graduated from high school in Virginia with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of such student's graduating class and have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Services.

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HB1656 Possession of concealed handguns by faculty members at state institutions of higher education (Marshall)

Would have allowed full-time faculty members of public institutions of higher education who possess a valid Virginia concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun on campus.

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HJ654 SCHEV Study; 4-year institution in Virginia Beach (Tata)

Would have asked SCHEV to study the feasibility of establishing a four-year degree-granting institution of higher education in the City of Virginia Beach. This is similar to HJ625 in 2007, which would have established a joint subcommittee for the same study.
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HJ705 Creation of a joint subcommittee to study the affordability of higher education (Scott)

The joint subcommittee would have (i) determined the number of first-time entering freshmen in Virginia public and private institutions for the 2008-2009 academic year; (ii) estimated the number of high school graduates from Virginia public and private schools over the next decade; (iii) projected the demand for higher education at the undergraduate level in the Commonwealth over the next decade for public and private institutions of higher education; (iv) ascertained the State's role and responsibilities to make college affordable for Virginia citizens; (v) reviewed and assessed the revenue sources for funding higher education in the Commonwealth and determined the need for revisions and other revenue sources; (vi) reviewed the recently reauthorized Higher Education Opportunity Act to determine the applicability of its provisions to reducing the costs of tuition in Virginia.
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SB1037 In-state tuition; illegal aliens (Hanger)

Also known as "the checklist bill" this would have allowed in-state tuition for unlawful aliens who meet the following criteria: the student has resided with his parent or guardian while attending high school in Virginia; the student has graduated from high school in Virginia or has received a GED in Virginia; the student has resided in the Commonwealth for at least three years; the student has registered as an entering student in an institution of higher education; the student has provided evidence that he is not currently in removal proceedings; the student is in the process of petitioning to become a permanent resident.
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SB1214 Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; removes associate degree requirement. (Deeds)

Community college students who have earned 60 credit hours in a university parallel program towards a four-year degree at a Virginia two-year public institution of higher education would have been eligible for the grant. The bill was contingent upon funds being appropriated during the 2009 General Assembly session.
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SB1240 Two-Year College Transfer Grant; increases amount (Stosch)

Would have increased the annual amount of the grant from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$1,500. The bill was contingent upon the appropriation of funds during the 2009 General Assembly session.
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