

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1083

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Coyner

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Office of Education Economics; opportunities to improve the Virginia Longitudinal Data System; report.

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of Education to convene a work group to review the current capabilities and future needs of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (the System) and the Virginia Workforce Data Trust (the Trust) (collectively, the Databases) and, based on the results of such review, develop a work plan for improving the System. The work group shall include a representative from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Office of Education Economics (VOEE), the Secretary of Labor, each of the participating agencies in the System, the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth, and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Appropriations or their designees. The work group's review shall consider a consolidation of or other improvements to the System and the Trust, including (i) identification of the appropriate entity or entities to host the Databases and the associated upfront and ongoing costs; (ii) the identification of any technology upgrades required for interoperability and modernization; (iii) a plan for the governance of data sharing among partner entities; (iv) opportunities and challenges related to accessing the System and Trust on the network of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA); (v) best practices related to data privacy and data integrity; and (vi) any other issues identified by the work group as relevant to the review. Based upon the results of the review and the identified capabilities and needs of the System, and consistent with the goal of the work, the work group shall develop either a work plan for the proposed consolidation of the Databases or for improved support of the System.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires Secretary of Education to convene a work group to improve the Virginia Longitudinal Data System and report a summary of the review and the proposed work plan by November 1, 2024. It is anticipated that costs to implement the provisions of this bill can be absorbed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Office of Education Economics (VOEE), the Secretary of Labor, and each of the participating agencies in the workgroup.

Conference amendments to HB30/SB30 include an additional \$1.0 million in the first year for the Virginia Office of Education Economics to assume management of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System and effectuate the provisions this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretaries of Education and Labor; Virginia Economic Development Partnership; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia Information Technologies Agency.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.