

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB457

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

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Institutions of higher education; immunity from disciplinary action in certain cases.

5. Summary: Includes the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors among the governing boards of public institutions of higher education that are each required to include as part of its policy, code, rules, or set of standards governing sexual violence a provision for immunity from disciplinary action for certain individuals who make good faith reports of acts of sexual violence. Under current law, the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors is exempted from such requirement. The bill also requires the governing board of each nonprofit private institution of higher education and each public institution of higher education to include as part of its policy, code, rules, or set of standards governing sexual violence a provision for immunity from disciplinary action based on curfew violation in any case in which disclosure of such violation is made in conjunction with a good faith report of an act of sexual violence. Under current law, such boards are only required to include such a provision for immunity from disciplinary action based on personal consumption of drugs or alcohol.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill will require updates to sexual violence policies, but no fiscal impact is expected due to this requirement.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Military Institute.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.