

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB526

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Batten

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Victims of human trafficking; eligibility for in-state tuition.

5. Summary: Provides that a non-Virginia student who is currently present in the Commonwealth as a result of being a victim of human trafficking, defined in the bill, is eligible for in-state tuition. The bill provides that a person may be a victim of human trafficking regardless of whether any person has been charged with or convicted of any offense and that eligibility for in-state tuition may be proved by a certification of such status as a victim of human trafficking by a federal, state, or local agency or not-for-profit agency, one of whose primary missions is to provide services to victims of human trafficking. The bill also requires public institutions of higher education to automatically record such a student as opting out of making any directory or educational information available to the public unless the student voluntarily and affirmatively chooses to opt in to allowing such directory or educational information to be made available.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill could allow for certain students to become eligible for in-state tuition who currently pay the out-of-state rate, and would constitute a loss of revenue equal to the difference between the two for institutions where such students are enrolled. The number of students who would be affected is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.