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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1099 **Patron:** Hashmi
Bill Title: Virginia Community College System; Solar Workforce Development Incentive Grant Program; established.

Bill Summary: Requires the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System to establish and implement the Solar Workforce Development Incentive Grant Program. Under the program, any comprehensive community college that enters into a power purchase agreement, either alone or in partnership with any local school division in the region that it serves, and that provides workforce development opportunities such as internships, apprenticeships, or project-based learning tied to such renewable energy projects on their campuses are eligible to apply for (i) a grant in an amount of $100,000 per megawatt purchased and (ii) an additional grant in an amount of up to $100,000 for projects that implement solar and battery microgrid systems in furtherance of developing community resiliency hubs in coordination with the Department of Energy's Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience (RACER) program.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

Explanation: This bill impacts the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). VCCS may require additional funding for staff to implement and manage the program and to support any costs associated with participating in the Department of Energy’s RACER program. The state cost of the incentive grant program depends on the amount appropriated.

Fiscal Summary: VCCS anticipates that implementation and management of the program may require additional staffing, in addition to any state funds appropriated for the incentive grants. Additionally, to participate in the RACER program as a community resilience site, the costs associated with serving as a resilience site, integrating campus infrastructure, and participating in community-driven planning processes for solar battery storage and emergency response needs are currently unknown. The actual fiscal impact to VCCS is indeterminate at this time.

Other: None