

In SCHEV's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 WCG Annual Report, dated March 2025, SCHEV noted that beginning in FY 2022, annual performance payments began to exceed annual appropriations, necessitating reliance on the accumulated balances leftover from previous years. Since FY 2024, the Commonwealth has provided annual appropriation increases to the WCG program based on projected enrollment and reimbursement expenses. In FY 2024, enrollments were at a 17% increase from FY 2023, and in FY 2025 enrollments increased by 19% from

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FY 2024. HB/SB 30 proposes additional funding of \$13.6 million in each FY 2027 and FY 2028 to support the WCG program independent from the expansion proposed in this bill.

SCHEV administers the WCG program and does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the agency from the provisions of this bill.

Other: Article VIII, Section 10, Constitution of Virginia, prohibits appropriation of public funds to any school or institution of learning not owned or exclusively controlled by the state or some political subdivision thereof.

Article VIII, Section 11, Constitution of Virginia, authorizes the General Assembly to provide for the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof to contract with nonpublic higher education institutions for the provision of educational or other related services.