

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB265

Patron: Tata

Bill Title: Grants for certain students at public institutions of higher education; qualifications.

Bill Summary: Removes the requirement for each public institution of higher education to provide a grant for the payment of tuition, certain mandatory education and general fees, and, at baccalaureate institutions, room and board, for any Virginia student who was considered a special needs adoption at any time after he turned 14. The bill also clarifies that only a Virginia student who has received a high school diploma or has passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education and who was in foster care in the Commonwealth after he turned 14 or who was in foster care in the Commonwealth when he turned 18 and subsequently received a high school diploma or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education is eligible for such a grant. Current law that governs such grant eligibility is silent on the location of such foster care placement.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There may be an indeterminate fiscal impact to public institutions of higher education as a result of this bill. It is expected that institutions would absorb these impacts.

Fiscal Summary: Responding public institutions of higher education indicate there would be a limited fiscal impact or no fiscal impact due to the size of the population of students who would be impacted by this bill.

Other: None