

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB375

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

2. Patron: Willett

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Postsecondary schools; enrollment agreements, disputes, arbitration.

5. Summary: Prohibits any postsecondary school that is required to be certified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia from conditioning the enrollment of a student on (i) entering into an agreement that requires the student to arbitrate any dispute between the student and the school, regardless of whether the agreement permits the student to opt out of the requirement to arbitrate any such dispute in the future; or (ii) entering into an agreement that requires the student to resolve a dispute on an individual basis and waive the right to class or group actions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation apply only to private institutions of higher education. No state fiscal impact is expected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.