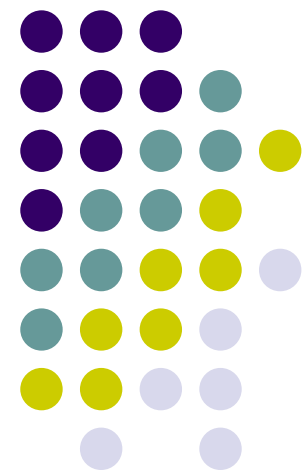


House Joint Resolution 91(2008) – Joint Subcommittee to Study Ways in Which the Commonwealth May Work More Closely with Virginia’s Private, Nonprofit Colleges to Meet State Higher Education Needs

Overview of 2008 Interim Activities and 2009 General Assembly Action

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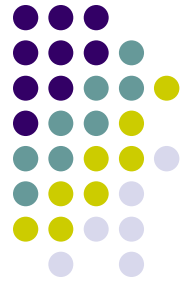


Overview of HJR 91 (2008) Charges



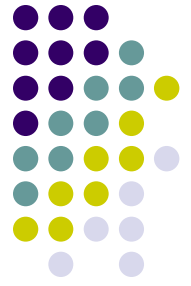
- Review the success of the Tuition Assistance Grant Program and develop recommendations to increase the effectiveness and awareness of the program among Virginia families
- Evaluate current and future higher education enrollment needs and identify ways in which the Commonwealth can partner or enter into contracts with Virginia private colleges to meet these needs
- Examine the ability of private colleges to provide the technology, equipment, and facilities necessary to serve Virginia students

HJR 91 (2008): Charges, cont'd



- Review publicly supported programs for private higher education in other states and consider the applicability of such programs to Virginia
- Examine the success of private colleges in educating disadvantaged students and recommend ways in which the Commonwealth can help private colleges continue this important public mission

First Meeting – August 18, 2008



Dr. Daniel LaVista, Executive Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

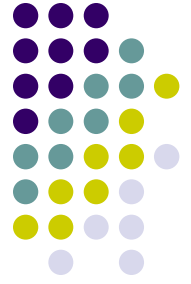
- Gave an overview of Virginia's system of higher education
- 12th largest system in the country
- Public, private; two-year and four-year; non-profit and for-profit
- Liberal arts, applied, and professional offerings
- Discussed the make-up of Pell grant recipients at the nonprofit private institutions



First Meeting: Cont'd

Lee Andes, Assistant Director for Financial Aid, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

- Provided a historical overview of the Tuition Assistance Grant Program (TAG)
- Began in 1972 by offering loans to undergraduate students – later became exclusively grant-based
- In 1984, extended to graduate students
- The amount varies from year to year, but pursuant to statute cannot exceed the annual average appropriation per full time student at a public institution
- In 2007-2008, the grant amounted to 51.2% of the per student appropriation



First Meeting: Cont'd

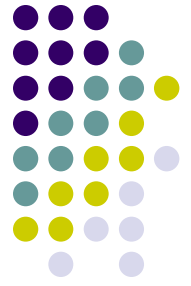
Tod Massa, Policy Research and Data Warehousing Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

- Discussed enrollment trends and projections in Virginia's higher education institutions
- Emphasized that although generally enrollment projections establish that there is adequate access relative to demand, thought must still be given to whether a school with open spots will be the right match for a certain student
- Predicts that the # of high school graduates will peak in 2009

Robert Lambeth, President, Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia

- Discussed contributions made to the Commonwealth by private institutions and challenges facing such institutions
- Pointed out the efficiencies that result to VA from a student attending a private institution under the TAG program at a \$3,200 cost to the state vs. a public institution for a \$8,062 cost to the state
- Provided suggestions for the joint subcommittee to consider over the course of two-year study such as: regular capital support, state supported student loan programs, RFP's, increased promotion of TAG

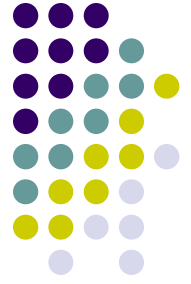
Second Meeting – October 20, 2008



A Closer Look at Capital Projects from Beginning to Completion at Private Institutions --

- Paul Baker, Vice President for College Relations and Administration at Hampden-Sydney College provided a detailed look on the school's most recent capital project of building a new library
 - In total, a 20 year project, conceived in 1987 and ready for occupancy in 2007, costing \$18 million of solely private money
- Robert Lindgren, President, Randolph-Macon College spoke generally about capital projects at private institutions underscoring the difficulties in raising money without state assistance
 - Noted that most private donations are not made for building purposes but having state support for certain capital projects might help lure private investors

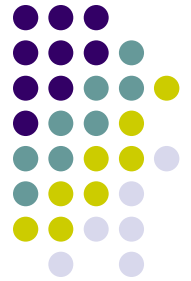
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Publicly Supported Programs for Private Institutions in Other States

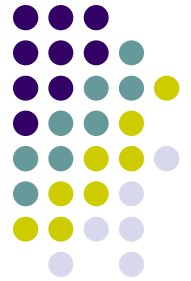
- Robert Lambeth, President of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia highlighted the capital support program in Maryland
- The Maryland program provides regular annual support of \$8-9 million that is provided to the organization of private institutions and then divided among private institutions for capital projects
- Discussed the following programs: state supported student loan programs; state funding to private institutions based on enrollment, enrollment of low income students, in-state enrollment, or degree completion; tuition tax credits or deductions; special funding for high needs areas; state match programs to encourage federal or private research funding

2009 General Assembly Activities



- **HB 1663 - State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; student advisory committee.** Permits the State Council of Higher Education to appoint students enrolled in private and accredited institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to the student advisory committee.
 - Passed, Acts of Assembly Chapter 434
 - Gives private school students a voice
- **SB 1240 Two-Year College Transfer Grant.** Increases the annual amount of the grant from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$1,500. The bill is contingent upon the appropriation of funds during the 2009 General Assembly session.
 - Passed the Senate, left in House Appropriations
 - Grant program that benefits students attending public or private institutions of higher education, after meeting certain criteria
- Budget details will be provided by Tony Maggio

Workplan for 2009



- Virginia College Building Authority – background information*
- Now extinct Virginia Education Loan Authority – historical perspective and background information*, more in depth with ex-director
- Possible presentations from out of state experts on state supported programs
- In depth look at TAG program promotion
- More information on states utilizing RFPs in certain areas
- 2010 Budget forecast for Higher Education