

HJR 91
**Study of Ways in which the Commonwealth May Work More Closely
with Virginia's Private, Nonprofit Colleges to Meet State Higher
Education Needs**

Potential Recommendations for 2010 General Assembly Session

1. **State supported student loan program.** This could be an updated or "hybrid" VELA, or could involve Virginia buying into an existing program in another state.
2. **Support for capital projects.** Direct support for institutions, or a fund from which projects can be chosen, based on criteria set by the state. This could be structured similar to Maryland or New York's current program.
3. **Credit enhancement programs/ incentive grants.** Based on Mr. Pope's presentation, the Commonwealth could lend its credit through a program similar to VRA, and set up incentive grants for preferred projects.
4. **Shortage area funding.** Virginia has two existing programs, for teachers and nurses; these could be expanded, or new programs added based on need.
5. **TAG expansion/promotion.** This could involve an increase in the award amount or creation of a TAG website or promotional campaign.
6. **Direct per capita funding.** Funding could be based on the number of students enrolled, degrees granted, minorities or special needs students, etc.
7. **State matching program for either federal or private research grants.**