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**House Appropriations Committee
Higher Education Subcommittee**

Agenda

**Monday, January 29, 2007
Harvey B. Morgan, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee Room
8:30 a.m.**

I. Bills Before Subcommittee

**HB 1681 Community College Transfer Grant Program; created (Callahan)
Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute**

Establishes the Community College Transfer Grant Program for the purpose of providing higher education grants to domiciles of Virginia who have successfully completed an acceptable associate degree program at a Virginia community college and have been admitted to an accredited nonprofit public or private institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) must promulgate necessary and appropriate regulations for its administration.

HB 2306 Higher educational institutions ; operational authority for areas of information technology, etc. (Callahan)

Provides operational authority for public institutions of higher education in the areas of information technology and procurement pursuant to the Restructuring Act of 2005.

HB 3171 Economic Development Partnership Authority; General Assembly may appropriate grants thereto. (Landes)

Provides that the General Assembly may appropriate grants to the Authority for use by a nonprofit, public benefit research institute that (i) conducts research and development for government agencies, commercial businesses, foundations, and other organizations and (ii) commercializes technology. The Authority is authorized to create a nonprofit, nonstock corporation to administer the payment of such grants.

HB 2238 Higher Education, Council of; creation of nonstock corporation to support academic research. (Nutter)

Amendment

Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to establish a nonprofit, nonstock corporation under Chapter 10 (§ 13.1-801 et seq.) of Title 13.1 as a public instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to assist the Council in (i) supporting academic research in Virginia; (ii) encouraging research initiatives, with emphasis on biological systems and nanotechnology, to support Virginia industry; (iii) directing the disbursement of funds for such research initiatives based on established scientific criteria from the Academic Research Initiative Fund created pursuant to this section; and (iv) conducting or undertaking other activities useful in carrying out the provisions of this section. The Council shall require such corporation to report to it at least annually on its activities. The bill sets out the composition of the board of directors for such corporation.