Top Jobs Act

The Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, also known as the “Top Jobs Act” or “TJ21,” calls on Virginia’s institutions of higher education to create or enhance programs that lead to more college graduates, greater employability, and a strong economy for the future of all Virginians.

Objectives

A. Plans for providing financial aid to help mitigate the impact of tuition and fee increases on low-income and middle-income students and their families, including the projected mix of grants and loans.

B. Plans for optimal year-round use of the institution’s facilities and instructional resources to improve student completions and cost efficiencies.

C. Plans for the development of an instructional resource sharing program with other institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

D. New programs or initiatives including quality improvements.

E. Plans with regard to any other initiatives listed below or any other matters the institution deems appropriate.

E1. Increased enrollment of Virginia students. Enrollment/degree projections will identify the numeric results, list the strategies the institution will use to achieve the projection.

E2. Increased degree completion for Virginia residents who have partial credit completion for a degree. Include enrollment/degree estimates here.

E3. Increased degree completion in a timely or expedited manner. Enrollment/degree projections will identify the numeric results, list the strategies the institution will use to achieve the projection.

E4. Enhanced community college transfer programs and grants and other enhanced degree path programs.

E5. Improved retention and graduation rates. Enrollment/degree projections will identify the numeric results, list the strategies the institution will use to achieve the projection.

E6. Increased degree production in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and other high-need areas such as the health care-related professions. Enrollment/degree projections will identify the numeric results, list the strategies the institution will use to achieve the projection.

E7. New programs the institution might consider to further the Commonwealth’s objectives.

E8. Increased research, including regional and public-private collaboration;

E9. Other efficiency reforms designed to reduce total institutional cost.
E10. Technology-enhanced instruction, including course redesign, online instruction, and resource sharing among institutions.

E11. Economic opportunity initiatives.

E12. Innovation and continuous improvement.

E13. Other initiatives the institution might consider to further the Commonwealth’s objectives. Include here any strategies that address maintenance of effort/institutional uniqueness.