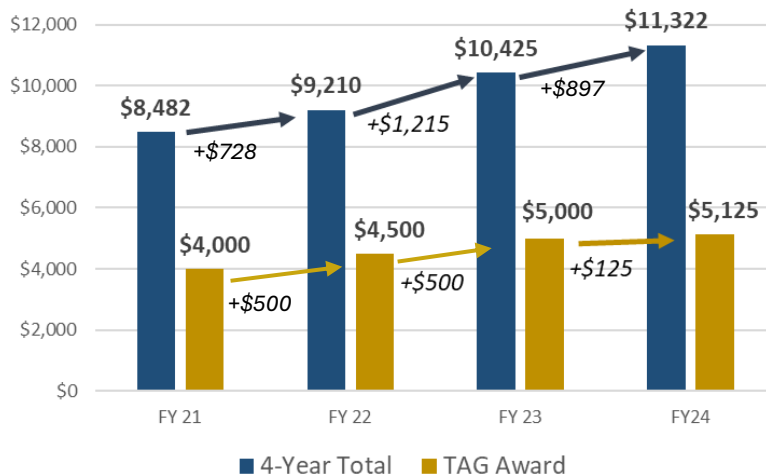


**Increase the Tuition Assistance Grant Award to \$6,000 for undergraduates and graduate students in health professions**, including striking language that requires the graduate student award amount to be less than the undergraduate award.

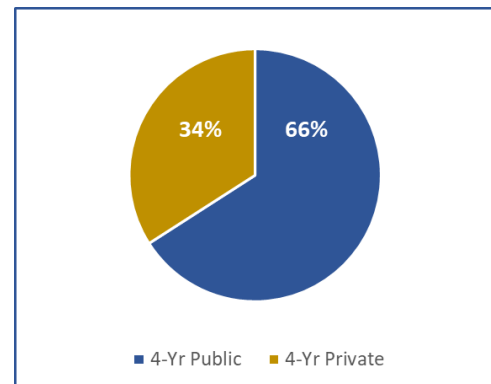
*The growth of the TAG award has stagnated in the last 4 years. As General Fund and other categorical spending for public higher ed has significantly increased, TAG's purchasing power has fallen significantly behind. TAG spending represents just 3.5% of General Fund spending for higher ed, while private colleges educate 34% of Virginia's undergrads.*

**Senators Locke, Hashmi & Boysko/Delegates Carr, Sewell & Askew**

**General Fund per In-State Undergraduate Student vs. TAG Award Trend**



**Undergraduate Enrollment at Virginia's 4-year colleges**



*In the fall of 2024, a confluence of issues (the later deadline for TAG applications and last year's poorly executed FAFSA rollout, most significantly) have led to an increase in the number of TAG recipients, but NOT an overall increase in enrollment.*

# Virginia private colleges are essential to production of the nursing workforce

Fifteen of Virginia's private, non-profit colleges offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Together, these colleges have the capacity to grow and continue to supply well-trained nurses for Virginia's healthcare sector.

## Institutions offering the BSN

Averett	Mary Baldwin
Bluefield	Marymount
Eastern Mennonite	Randolph-Macon
Emory & Henry	Regent
Ferrum	Shenandoah
George Washington	University of Lynchburg
Hampton	Virginia Wesleyan
Liberty	



Virginia's 15 private colleges that offer the BSN degree produce about 40% of Virginia's new nurses annually. Incentives for nursing production from the state should aim for "sector neutrality" between public and private, non-profit institutions.

CICV will collaborate with other stakeholders to support creation of a Virginia Nursing Workforce Center, improve clinical placements and enhance funding for awards in VDH's Earn2Learn.

**Delegate Willett & Senator Hashmi (Nursing Workforce Center)**  
**Delegate Krizek & Senator Deeds (Earn2Learn funding)**

CICV seeks eligibility for private colleges to apply for grant funding from the Governor's new nursing initiative to be housed at SCHEV, along with an additional \$5M for funding that program.

**Delegates Reid/Hodges & Senator Obenshain**

CICV seeks to create a statewide initiative for student to mental health services and inclusion in the Mental Health Workforce Pilot Project.

**Delegate Reid / Senators VanValkenburg & Hashmi**

CICV seeks access to benefits coverage offered through the Line of Duty Act (LODA) for statutorily authorized private college campus police departments. Participating colleges will pay premiums and a pro rata share of the state's start up costs.

**Delegates Campbell/Willett & Senator Obenshain**

CICV seeks to strike the exclusion of Virginia students enrolled as cadets in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin University.

**Delegate Campbell**