

The Power of *Plyler* in Virginia

The guarantee of equal access to public K-12 education for *all* children enshrined in *Plyler v. Doe* has grown Virginia's economy, strengthened its workforce, and advanced public health. FWD.us estimates that Virginia's combined past and future GDP is \$55 billion more over the lifetimes of adult beneficiaries of *Plyler* because they had equal access to K-12 education. Virginia also gained over 34,000 workers requiring at least a high school diploma and saved \$500 million in public health costs.

**Current Number of
ADULTS Who Benefited
from *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

56,000

**Current Number of
CHILDREN Benefiting
from *Plyler***

(In School 2023)

45,000

Fiscal Impact

Net Fiscal GAIN

(Income Tax Revenue over Lifetime minus Cost to Educate)

+\$14 Billion

Economic Impact

**Total Past and Future Economic GAINS from Adult
Beneficiaries of *Plyler* over Their Lifetimes**

(In School 1982–2022)

+\$55 Billion

**Future Economic LOSSES without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

-\$28 Billion

Workforce Impact

**Past Workforce GAINS from Adult Beneficiaries
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

**+7,200 Workers in Occupations
Requiring Some College Education
+27,100 Workers in Occupations
Requiring a High School Diploma**

**Future Occupational LOSSES without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

**-9,100 Workers in Occupations Requiring
Some College Education**

Top Three Jobs Requiring At Least a High School Diploma:

Misc. Managers, Software Developers, General/Operations Managers

Top Three Industries Requiring Workers with at Least a High School Diploma:

Gen. Medical Hospitals, Consulting Services, Colleges & Universities

Health Impact

**Past Healthcare SAVINGS from Adult Beneficiaries
of *Plyler***

(In School 1982–2022)

+\$500 Million

**Future Healthcare COSTS without *Plyler* for
Current School-Age Children**

(In School 2023)

-\$600 Million