

Virginia Department of Transportation

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1355 S 1

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mims, W.

3. Committee: House Local Government

4. Title: Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

5. Summary/Purpose:

A bill to amend the Code of Virginia relating to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Under the proposed legislation, the Authority is given all powers granted to transportation districts and is vested with the ability to issue bonds.

6. Tentative Fiscal Impacts are:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0.00	0	
2001-02	\$0.00	0	
2002-03	\$500,000.00	0	NGF

b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0.00	0	
2001-02	\$0.00	0	
2002-03	\$0.00	0	

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: The expenditure noted for fiscal year 2002-2003 represents an approximate cost associated with providing existing VDOT staff to support the Authority. The expenditures would not be incurred until an Authority is established and its members are appointed.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT, VDRPT, Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park.

10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: ** House Bill 2606 S 1(2001 General Assembly) is similar to this bill. That substitute and this substitute are less detailed than their originals versions.

- ** The Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC), a forum of local Northern Virginia elected officials, has been considering the concept of such an Authority and has participated in the discussions of the SJR 121 joint subcommittee meetings evaluating such a proposal. At present, the TCC has taken the position that legislative action on this proposed Northern Virginia Transportation Authority should be postponed until the 2002 General Assembly session so that the member jurisdictions of the TCC can have time to fully evaluate the proposal.
- * The TCC's concerns include whether a stable source of funding will result from the creation of such an Authority, how voting membership will be established, and the legal and financial impacts regarding the consolidation of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the "Authority".
- * The proposed legislation makes no provision for the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna to have voting authority.
- * It is unclear from the proposed legislation whether VDOT would have to provide the services of its employees to the Authority free of charge.
- * The proposed legislation gives the Authority the duty and responsibility of developing regional priorities and policies affecting air quality issues but does not appear to provide funding for the Authority to implement such priorities. In addition, the proposed legislation does not address the present responsibility of the Commonwealth, represented by VDOT, to participate on the regional air quality body (Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Council).

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