

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1724

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Callahan

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Governor; military aides.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that commissions as military aides to the Governor shall be issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth with the rank the Governor deems appropriate and such military aides shall serve on detail to the Governor and perform such other duties as assigned by the Governor, including assignment to the Virginia state defense forces. The bill also provides that the commissions of the military aides shall constitute a commission in the state militia of the Commonwealth and shall entitle the recipients to the pay and benefits of their rank in the performance of their duties. Currently, these commissions are honorary and do not entitle the recipient to pay or benefits.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary (See Note 8.)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03			
2003-04	\$9,400	0	GF
2004-05	\$9,400	0	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 44.

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation is permissive in nature and does not specify what duties would be requested and their duration.

While no firm data has been provided on military aides performing duties for the Governor during FY2001, the magnitude of their service has been described as "a great deal of use."

Based upon the current administration's indication on their plan to use such military aides at future mansion functions, the Department of Planning and Budget has estimated the wage cost to be approximately \$9,400. This assumption is based upon the following:

formal dinners held	5
soldiers (rank: Sergeant or below)	3
drills (two drills account for one day's pay)*	2
wage cost @ E -5	\$75
Formal Dinners Cost	\$2,237
receptions held	48
soldiers (rank: Sergeant or below)	2
drills (two drills account for one day's pay)*	2
wage cost @ E -5	\$75
Receptions Cost	\$7,158
Total Cost	\$9,395

*For a normal US military Reserve weekend training, one day of training is compensated by two days of pay, hence two "drills". This convention is not for compensation by active duty component members.

This fiscal impact statement assumes there will be no per diem costs associated with service.

This fiscal impact statement further assumes duties assigned by the Governor will continue to be ceremonial in nature only, confined to mansion social events, and not include military assignments with the Virginia State Defense Force.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Office of the Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

10. Technical amendment necessary: There appears to be a conflict between the proposed language which states, "*and performs such other duties as assigned by the Governor, including assignment to the Virginia state defense forces.*" (with obligations under Article 4.2 – Virginia State Defense Force) and the existing language, "No officers or detailed shall be compelled to serve."

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of the Commonwealth