

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1959(HB1959S1 -Senate Substitute)

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

2. Patron Hamilton

3. Committee Rules

4. Title General Assembly; consolidation of commissions.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Consolidates the Joint Commission on Health Care, the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care, and the Virginia Commission on Youth into a new legislative commission titled the Commission on Youth, Family Services, and Health Care. The new legislative commission retains the responsibilities of each commission for a coordinated approach in the study of the delivery of youth, family services, and health care services to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

This **substitute** bill adds the responsibilities of the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care to the Joint Commission on Health Care and increases the membership of the Joint Commission on Health Care by two, to include previous members of the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care. It reorganizes the Code language regarding the Joint Commission on Health Care by adding topical sections (e.g. membership, compensation and expenses, staffing, etc.). It changes terms of the Joint Commission on Health Care Commission membership for legislative members from five -year terms to terms coincident with terms of office, adds a reporting requirement, expands and clarifies the powers and duties of the commission, and strikes language allowing the commission to meet only four times annually. **(This substitute conforms to SB1253 -ES1, as passed by the Senate on 2/4/03)**

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are tentative.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	(1,940)	0	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: A saving of just under \$2,000 annually may be achieved by eliminating the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care and merging its functions with the Joint Commission on Health Care.

The Joint Commission on Health Care (which has 16 members, all legislators) meets about eight times annually, for an estimated annual cost of \$34,640 in per diem payments, travel & lodging, and meals. The Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care (which has 8

legislative members and two citizen members) met twice this past year, for a cost of about \$5,300. Combined, the two commissions cost about \$39,940 a year.

With the addition of two more legislative members, as the bill requires, expenses of the Joint Commission on Health Care are estimated at about \$38,000 a year (assuming it meets eight times a year). This represents a savings of \$1,940 over the costs of the two separate commissions.

(Note: These fiscal impact estimates assume that all members attend every meeting. Actual costs may be less if all members do not attend each meeting. Costs for the Joint Commission on Health Care may be slightly higher if additional subcommittee meetings are held on the subject of behavioral health care, as called for by this bill.)

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Joint Commission on Health Care and the Joint Commission on Behavioral Health Care

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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