Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Numbe	r HB1228 (E)
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	Second House	e In Committee Substitute Enrolled
2.	Patron	Wardrup
3.	Committee	Rules

Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.

5. Summary/Purpose:

4. Title

Clarifies that the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia is deemed an educational institution and reduces the membership of the Board of Trustees from 25 to 13 members. The bill also simplifies the language pertaining to the compensation of legislative and nonlegislative members, removes provisions allowing discretionary membership, and provides several technical amendments to conform the current statute to the Joint Rules Committee's legislative guidelines for collegial bodies.

- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** (preliminary) See Item 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 135 of the Budget Bill

8. Fiscal implications:

It is proposed that legislative members of the Board of Trustees are entitled to receive compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and reimbursement for reasonable and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ $\underline{2.2-2813}$ and $\underline{2.2-2825}$.

Currently, the museum reimburses legislative members of the Board of Trustees at a rate of \$200/meeting. There are eight legislative members at this time with a total reimbursement cost per meeting of \$1,600. This bill proposes to reduce the number of legislative members from eight to six, which would lower the total reimbursement cost to \$1,200 per meeting.

The Board of Trustees currently meets twice a year which amounts to an annual reimbursement cost of \$3,200. This bill proposes to increase the number of meetings to no more than four times per year, which could raise the annual reimbursement cost up to \$4,800. If this bill were enacted in its current form, it could amount to a net increase of \$1,600 in reimbursement costs.

The bill also proposes that funding for these reimbursement costs would be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education instead of the museum. The Office of the Secretary of Education currently does not have this cost factored into its budget and would require a budget amendment to provide additional funds to support this cost. Assuming a transfer of

\$3,200 from the museum to the Office of the Secretary of Education for the current level of reimbursement costs, the office would still need an additional \$1,600 to meet the required level of funding proposed by this bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Frontier Culture Museum, Secretary of Education, Department of Planning and Budget

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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