

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB204

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee Pending

4. Title Advisory Boards for the Virginia Industries for the Blind.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill combines the regional advisory boards for the Virginia Industries for the Blind in Charlottesville and Richmond into one state board with a reduced membership. The two existing boards began to conduct joint meetings in 1998 as an efficiency measure, and the joint venture has proven successful. Under current law, an advisory board is created for each manufacturing and servicing district established. Since only two service districts currently exist and the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired does not anticipate that any more will be created, the bill repeals the authority of the Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired to establish advisory boards. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Operations, Practices, Duties, and Funding of the Commonwealth's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Other Governmental Entities, pursuant to HJR 159 (2002).

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Virginia Industries for the Blind.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB 12.

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