

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB412

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

**2. Patron** Edwards

**3. Committee** Passed both houses

**4. Title** Veterans services; establishment of advisory board, increases members of Board of Veteran Services.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Clarifies that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall report directly to the Governor and requires the Commissioner to establish an advisory board to assist in the administration of veterans care centers established in the Commonwealth.

The bill also (i) increases the membership of the Board of Veterans Services from 17 to 19 by adding the Chairmen of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations and (ii) adds the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, which increases the membership of these two organizations

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	0	--	--
2004-05	\$12,000	--	GF
2005-06	\$12,000	--	GF
2006-07	\$12,000	--	GF
2007-08	\$12,000	--	GF
2008-09	\$12,000	--	GF
2009-10	\$12,000	--	GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No. It is anticipated that the Department of Veterans Services can absorb the additional expenses from within its existing budget.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The additional members of the Board of Veterans Services, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Services Organization, and Veterans Services Foundation will result in some additional expenses for the compensation and reimbursement of members for expenses. The additional expense would be about \$4,000 annually, assuming that the Board of Veterans Services meets six times annually, that the other two organizations meet four times annually, and that the new members attend all meetings and require overnight

accommodation, and that the new members are compensated according to the provisions of 2.2-2318 of the Code of Virginia.

The bill requires appointment of a new advisory committee, but does not specify number of members, how often it the committee shall meet, nor how members are to be compensated. Assuming that the committee consists of 10 citizen members who meet four times a year, costs for the new committee would be about \$8,000. This estimate is based on the assumptions that all members attend all meetings, that all members require overnight accommodation, and that members are compensated according to the provisions of 2.2-2318 of the Code of Virginia.

Total annual cost for the new advisory committee and the new members on the three existing bodies is estimated at \$12,000.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Veterans Services

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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