Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	HB1386		
	House of Origin	n Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron	Watts		
3.	Committee	General Laws		

5. Summary/Purpose:

4. Title

Codifies and continues the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park Authority and renames it the Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority with the added purpose of administering the Virginia Biotechnology Macro Partnership Program or other statewide programs that may from time-to-time be created by the Commonwealth related to building and enhancing the Commonwealth's competitiveness in building a biotechnology and life sciences industry. The bill also expands the membership of the Authority's board by up to six additional members (for a total of not more than 15) who shall be representatives of the partnerships or consortiums receiving money under the programs and permits the Authority to establish satellite offices.

Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority.

- **6.** No Fiscal Impact. See item 8, below.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

Until such time as the Virginia Biotechnology Macro Partnership Program is funded there is no fiscal impact.

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Secretary of Commerce and Trade; Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: Yes. Page 2, line 70, strike "program" and insert "Program"

11. Other comments:

Adds to the Authority responsibility for administering the Virginia Biotechnology Macro Partnership Program or other statewide programs that may from time-to-time be created by the Commonwealth related to building and enhancing the Commonwealth's competitiveness in building a biotechnology and life sciences industry. Should future funding be provided to the Virginia Biotechnology Macro Partnership Program, it will serve as a vehicle for providing funds to entities for biotechnology and biotechnology related projects.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Secretary of Education