

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB494

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Ruff

3. Committee General Laws and Technology

4. Title Deputy Chief of Staff for Workforce Development.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill establishes the position of Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor for Workforce Development. The position will replace the Special Advisor to the Governor for Workforce Development created in 2004. The Deputy Chief of Staff's duties will include serving as independent staff for the Virginia Workforce Council and being fiscal agent for the Council and workforce network funds. The Deputy Chief of Staff is charged with creating and implementing a statewide strategic plan and performance measures, evaluating performances based on these measures, and redirecting resources based on performances. In addition, the Deputy Chief of Staff is charged with creating a statewide strategic plan to address the need for reforms in workforce policy, including the need for reforms at the local workforce investment board level. The bill incorporates the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Need for Greater Consolidation or Coordination of Workforce Development and Training Resources in the Commonwealth pursuant to HJR 713 (2005).

6. No Fiscal Impact: According to the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), this bill does not appear to have any significant fiscal impact. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Workforce Development will replace the Special Advisor to the Governor for Workforce Development. The salary and benefits for the position will continue to be paid from the General Fund dollars appropriated to the Office of the Governor. Although oversight and authority over some grant funding is shifted, the amounts are not increased or decreased. From the perspective of the entire workforce system, there does not appear to be a fiscal impact. However, according to VEC, individual agencies may experience a small impact if grant funds are transferred between programs or agencies but these impacts are not anticipated to be significant and cannot be determined.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Employment Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB1307.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade