

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB705

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

**2. Patron**        Stolle

**3. Committee**   Rules

**4. Title**            Joint Commission on State Government Programs.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill creates the Joint Commission on State Government Programs (Commission). It is a legislative commission whose purpose is to conduct systematic reviews of state programs. The Commission would use these reviews to make recommendations to the Governor concerning program success in achieving its goal and overall effectiveness.

The Commission is empowered to: 1) conduct programmatic reviews ensuring program appropriations are spent properly and evaluate effectiveness of programs per legislative intent, 2) develop special studies and reports on the operations as it sees fit; including topics like economic and efficient agency operations, ways agencies can provide better service to Commonwealth citizens, and areas where state services are duplicated, fail to accomplish legislative objectives, or “any other reason should be redefined or redistributed.”

The Commission will consist of 12 members, five Senators appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and seven Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House. The Commission is empowered to employ staff as needed to carry out their requests. All state agencies must comply with any requests made by the Committee.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. It is assumed this committee will meet once per month per fiscal year. The costs for Committee meetings would be at least \$40,500 per year. Below are the estimated expenses and direct costs of Committee’s operations:

### **SB705 Cost Estimate**

#### **Per Meeting Member Expenses**

<u><b>Reimbursement</b></u>		Est. Dollar Amount
# of Legislative Members	12	\$2,400.00
# of non-legislative members/non-state employees	0	\$0.00
# of state employees	0	\$0.00
 <u><b>Per diem/Travel</b></u>		
# of drivers, 250 miles, @ \$.325	12	\$975.00
<b>Total Cost per meeting</b>		<b>\$3,375.00</b>

### **Potential Staff Costs**

	Number	FY07	FY08
<i>Director</i>	1	\$128,618	\$132,477
<i>Six Full-Time Staff (@ \$51,600 + benefits)</i>	6	\$430,151	\$436,206
<i>Administrative Staff</i>	1	\$49,714	\$48,867
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$608,483</b>	<b>\$617,550</b>

It is not possible to predict the outcomes of recommendations that are proposed by the Commission. Unknown costs or benefits may arise from these recommendations that cannot be anticipated.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. An amendment to HB/SB 30 would be necessary to fund the operations of the Commission.

**8. Fiscal implications:** See number six above.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All legislative and executive branch agencies.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The powers and duties of this Committee are similar to certain duties held by both the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Council on Virginia's Future.

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