

Department of Planning and Budget

2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1673

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

2. Patron Marshall, Robert G.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Immigration, Commission on; created, report

5. Summary/Purpose: Creates the Virginia Commission on Immigration (the Commission) as an advisory commission in the executive branch. The purpose of the Commission is to study, report, and make recommendations to address the costs and benefits of immigration on the Commonwealth, including the impact on education, health care, law enforcement, local demands for services and the economy, and the effect on the Commonwealth of federal immigration and funding policies. The Commission expires on August 1, 2009. This bill incorporates HJR 776.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are final.

Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2007 | - | - | - |
| 2008 | \$66,166 | - | General Fund |
| 2009 | \$66,166 | - | General Fund |
| 2010 | \$3,889 | - | General Fund |
| 2011 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | - | - | - |
| 2013 | - | - | - |

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The amended legislation contains an enactment clause that states that for its first year of existence, if the Commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the Appropriation Act, compensation and reimbursement of expenses for legislative members of the Commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate upon the approval of the Joint Rules Committee. If the Commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the Appropriation Act for any year thereafter, this chapter shall expire on July 1 of the fiscal year that the Commission fails to receive such funding. However, this clause does not address the cost associated with Commission staffing or expenses associated with the three non-legislative Commission members. It is assumed that the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be responsible for staffing this commission and subsequently be able to absorb the staffing impact.

- 8. Fiscal implications:** The Virginia Commission on Immigration will consist of 21 members. Committee members shall be compensated at the rate of \$50 per day and have expenses reimbursed. If the General Assembly is in session, delegates will receive expenses but no compensation. The Commission will operate from July 1, 2007 until August 1, 2009.

This analysis assumes that 30 percent of the members live near Richmond and their expenses would be \$20 per meeting, 30 percent live in Central Virginia and their expenses would be \$50 per meeting, and the remaining members would incur expenses of \$120 per meeting. The calculations for expenses and compensation to fund the Commission are as follows:

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| Number of Commission members (9 are delegates): | 21 |
| Meetings per year when GA is not in session: | 6 |
| Meetings per year when GA is in session: | 2 |
| Expense Reimbursement: | \$20 - \$120 |
| Compensation per day: | \$50 |

Compensation Summary:

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| 12 members * \$50 * 8 annual meetings | \$4,800 |
| 9 members * \$50 * 6 meetings | <u>\$2,700</u> |
| Total annual compensation | \$7,500 |

Expense Summary:

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| 6 members * \$20 * 8 annual meetings | \$ 960 |
| 6 members * \$50 * 8 annual meetings | \$ 2,400 |
| 9 members * \$120 * 8 annual meetings | <u>\$ 8,640</u> |
| Total annual expenses | \$12,000 |

The bill also states that “staff to the Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.” It is assumed that staff would be provided by the DSS Office of Newcomer services (ONS). ONS staff is fully utilized; therefore, a temporary staff person would be needed to assist in gathering and analyzing data, coordinating with other commissions and state agencies, preparing materials for Commission meetings, and preparing annual reports. Using a mid-range pay band 5 salary, or \$28.90 per hour, total wages and FICA would be \$46,666 for FY 2008 and FY 2009. Since the bill has an enactment clause that states that the Commission expires August 1, 2009, one month’s wages or \$3,889 is requested for FY 2010. DSS will absorb the additional costs associated with this legislation that are not covered in the enactment clause.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**
Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources
Department of Social Services

- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

- 11. Other comments:** None

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