

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2355

**House of Origin:** ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

**Second House:** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Cosgrove

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council; created.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Creates the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council within the executive branch to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote the modeling and simulation industry in the Commonwealth.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Unavailable. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The proposed legislation establishes the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council as an advisory council within the executive branch of government. The Council is to be comprised of 13 members, four of which will be legislators, six citizen representatives of the modeling and simulation industry, as well as the Secretaries of Technology and Commerce and Trade, or their designees, respectively, and the Executive Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.

The bill provides for a minimum of two meetings annually and specifies the responsibilities of the Council. The bill is silent with regard to Council staffing, as well as compensation for the members and any source of funding to cover Council expenses.

Assuming (1) semiannual meetings are held; (2) all 13 members attend each meeting; (3) each of the 13 members qualifies for per diem (§2.2-2813 provides for the compensation of members of boards, commissions, committees, councils and other collegial bodies who are appointed at the state level to be compensated at a rate of \$50 per day); and (4) each member will incur travel and lodging expenses for each meeting (average \$175 per meeting, per member), the annual fiscal impact of the legislation would be \$5,850.

While members of such councils are entitled to reimbursement, many do not seek reimbursement. If this holds true for the membership of this Council, the primary cost of the legislation would be staff support. It is anticipated that this cost would be minimal and could be absorbed.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** General Assembly, Secretaries of Technology and Commerce and Trade, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** The bill is silent with regard to Council staffing.

**11. Other comments:** The Modeling and Simulation Advisory Committee of the Joint Commission on Technology Science (JCOTS) advises the Legislature on modeling and simulation efforts throughout the state.

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