

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB3171

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

2. Patron Landes

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill provides that the General Assembly may appropriate grants to the Partnership for use by a nonprofit, public benefit research institute that (i) conducts research and development for government agencies, commercial businesses, foundations, and other organizations and (ii) commercializes technology. The Partnership is authorized to create a nonprofit, nonstock corporation to administer the payment of such grants.

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

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. See item 11, below.

8. Fiscal implications: The legislation establishes a vehicle for the Partnership to establish and administer a grant program to promote research, development, and commercialization of products. Grant recipients must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) specifying criteria and accomplishments the grantee must satisfy. The MOA will be between the grant recipient and the Commonwealth.

The total aggregate amount of grants that could be awarded through FY 2013 could not exceed \$22 million per recipient.

The board of the nonprofit, nonstock corporation authorized in this bill would consist of nine members. There may be some minor costs associated with compensating and reimbursing the citizen members for expenses.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The enrolled budget bill contains \$12 million from the general fund to attract a non-profit research entity.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade