

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB3175

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

**2. Patron**        Hall

**3. Committee**   House General Laws

**4. Title**            Virginia-Africa Advisory Board.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill establishes the Virginia-Africa Advisory Board to advise the Governor on ways to improve economic and cultural links between the Commonwealth and African nations, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general government. The Board consists of 25 citizen members, and two ex officio members. The citizen members include six appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, six appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and thirteen appointed by the Governor. The ex officio members will be the Secretary of Trade and the Secretary of Education or their designees. The Board will undertake studies and gather information to present recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly. The Board will also apply for, accept, and expend funds from public, quasi-public or private sources to enable it to better serve its purpose in strengthening the State's relationship with Africa.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are Preliminary.**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07			
2007-08	\$38,940	0	General
2008-09	\$38,940	0	General
2009-10	\$38,940	0	General
2010-11	\$38,940	0	General
2011-12	\$38,940	0	General
2012-13	\$38,940	0	General
2012-13	\$38,940	0	General

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, an amendment to Item 43 of the current appropriations act is needed because the costs associated with this board will be funded by the Office of the Governor. Alternatively, an amendment to Item 102 of the appropriations act can be added to increase funding to the Department of Business Assistance to administer the Board. The Virginia-Israel Board, parallel in structure to the proposed Virginia-Africa Board, is administered under this agency.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Staff support and funding for the costs of the expenses of the Board's members will be provided by the Office of the Governor. The Board must account annually

on its fiscal activities and submit an annual executive summary to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The Board will consist of 27 members and shall receive no compensation for services. Members will be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary travel expenses, including travel, lodging, and meals. Travel expense reimbursement rates are based on those published under the Department of Accounts, as of January 26. The analysis assumes that the Board will meet four times per year in Richmond. It also assumes that eight members will live near Richmond), nine members will live within sixty miles of Richmond and the remaining ten members will live approximately 240 miles from Richmond.

**Estimated expenses and annual costs**

Number of Commission members:	27
Meetings per year	4
Expense reimbursement: Average costs of travel, meals , and lodging (10 members @ \$389; 9 members @ \$80; 10 members @\$25)	\$25-\$389
Member compensation per day	\$0
Estimated administrative costs	\$1,500
Governor's Office Staffing Costs (1/4 salary)	\$11,700
<b>Estimated TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,940</b>

The Code of Virginia, creating the Virginia-Israel Board (§ 2.2-2424) closely parallels the proposed language to create the Virginia-Africa Board. The Virginia-Israel Board is allocated \$148,700 for FY 2007, including salary expense for an executive director. While the code does not require funding for a full-time director, this expense could increase the budget for the proposed Virginia-Africa Board by an additional \$110,000, to total \$148,940.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Office of the Governor, Division of Legislative Automated Services, House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, Secretary of Trade, Secretary of Education

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:**

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