

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB474

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

2. Patron: Cox

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia War Memorial

5. Summary: This bill requires the State Comptroller to advance a loan of \$5.97 million to the Department of General Services for the state share of the construction of an educational wing for the Virginia War Memorial and the expansion of the shrine of memory for War on Terror Virginians killed in action, in the form of a short-term treasury loan, with no interest, upon certification by the Secretary of Administration that (i) \$2 million in private funds have been pledged, raised, (ii) the funds are available or have been expended, and (iii) the funds were or will be used to support the projects. The State Comptroller shall advance \$500,000 of the \$5.97 million upon certification that \$1 million in private funds have been pledged, raised, or expended for the educational wing.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Language in Item C-4 of HB 29 would need to be amended to correspond with this legislation if the intent is to allow the Department of General Services to access this loan before June 30, 2008. Language should be inserted into HB 30 to allow for the appropriation of the treasury loan if it is expected during the new biennium. The language would be similar to the language now contained in HB 29, Item C-4, except for the revised amount of the loan. Also, appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 would be needed in Item C-4, as the Foundation indicates \$1 million has been pledged, raised, or expended.

8. Fiscal Implications: Though this bill does not appropriate funds for the Virginia War Memorial Educational Wing, it provides permanent authority to advance a treasury loan in the amount of \$5,970,000 to the War Memorial once \$2,000,000 in private funds have been raised. Since no repayment source is provided, after the treasury loan is advanced, the Commonwealth will be obligated to appropriate funds to repay this loan in the same amount. The timeframe of the impact to the general fund is unknown because it is conditional on \$2,000,000 in private funds being raised and when this will occur is unknown. The substitute provides that \$500,000 of the loan shall be advanced once \$1,000,000 in funds have been pledged, raised, or expended. The Foundation indicates this threshold has been met; and therefore, \$500,000 would need to be available July 1, 2008.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of General Services, Department of Accounts, Department of Veterans Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

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11. Other Comments: Similar to SB662.

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