

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1875

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Establish criteria to honor Virginia's war casualties

5. Summary: This bill directs the Board of Trustees to establish criteria for placing the names and homes of record in the War Memorial. It specifically directs the Board to consider certain definitions related to such criteria. The Board is further directed to develop its criteria to include casualties resulting from acts of terrorism, deaths that occur within the United States, circumstances that warrant individual consideration, and other casualties that do not fall under any other criteria. The Board is further guided to, but not limited to, use the definitions provided by the Department of Defense. The Board is to complete this work on or before November 1, 2009, which is to serve as a basis for legislation to be submitted to the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly for codification of policies.

6. Fiscal impact estimates: Final.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 426.

8. Fiscal implications: In order to develop and establish the criteria for names to be engraved on the walls of the Memorial, the Board will be required to hold more frequent meetings. Although the associated compensation for the legislative members of the Board is funded through the Offices of the Clerks, a one-time increase in reimbursements for committee member expenses of \$5,000 is expected, \$2,500 in FY 2009 and \$2,500 in FY 2010. Given recent budget cuts, the Virginia War Memorial Foundation is unable to absorb this one-time increase within existing resources.

Neither the House nor Senate proposed budgets include funding for this purpose.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia War Memorial Foundation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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