

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1399

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Norment

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:**        **The Virginia Commission for Allocating Funds to Nonstate Agencies.**

**5. Summary:** Creates a commission in the legislative branch of government to apportion or allocate lump sum appropriations to nonstate entities. The commission would consist of three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, three members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Secretaries of Education, Health and Human Services, and Natural Resources, who would serve ex officio with voting privileges. In addition, the bill mandates that all appropriations for nonstate agencies are to be made in one lump sum amount to be apportioned by the commission.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, new item since this is a new commission. The legislation indicates that funding shall be provided from existing appropriations, but is unclear as to the source.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Staff support is to be provided by the Division of Legislative Services and the Office of the Clerk of the Senate and the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates. The cost of this support is indeterminate.

Currently, the application and payment processes for grants to nonstate organizations are managed jointly by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). The bill is unclear regarding how the commission will work with DPB and DHR to ensure validation of the eligibility of organizations and the process of paying nonstate grant awards or if the commission would assume all executing responsibilities currently performed by DHR and DPB.

Specifically, the bill does not specify whether the funding decisions will be made on a one-time or rolling basis. This could complicate execution issues as they relate to the current two-year limit for organizations to acquire matching funds, successfully apply, and receive their grant funding. A rolling application process could present workload increases for both DHR and DPB in authorizing and making payments.

### **Estimated expenses and compensation annual costs**

Number of commission members (6 legislative):	9
Meetings per year when GA is not in session:	3
Meetings per year when GA in session:	1
Expense Reimbursement: (33% at \$20; 33% at \$50; 33% at \$120)	\$20 - \$120
Compensation per day:	\$200

### **Calculations**

#### **Compensation Summary:**

3 ex officio members*\$0	\$0
6 General Assembly members*\$200*3 meetings	<u>\$3,600</u>
<b>Total estimated annual compensation</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>

#### **Expense Summary:**

2 members*\$20*4 annual meetings	\$160
2 members*\$50*4 annual meetings	\$400
2 members*\$120*4 annual meetings	<u>\$960</u>
<b>Total estimated annual expenses</b>	<b>\$1,520</b>

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Legislative Services,  
Clerk of the House of Delegates, Clerk of the Senate, Department of Historic Resources,  
Department of Planning and Budget

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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