

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB348

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

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Agency Effectiveness Review Commission.

5. Summary: Establishes the Agency Effectiveness Review Commission to conduct a review of agency effectiveness on a five-year cycle and provide recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor. The Commission shall consist of 11 members, including eight legislative members, as follows: (i) five members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, (ii) three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and (iii) three citizen members appointed by the Governor. The engrossed bill authorizes the Commission to utilize administrative staff support from the Office of the Clerk of the Senate or the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates where the chairman serves. It also authorizes the Commission to request legal, research, policy analysis, and other services from the Division of Legislative Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: SB 348 sets forth the various duties and responsibilities of the proposed Commission. The proposed Commission consists of 11 members: eight General Assembly members, and three citizens.

Additional funding is not needed for the Division of Legislative Services to provide legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the Commission because these services will be provided by existing staff.

There is no cost associated with the Commission utilizing administrative staff support from the Office of the Clerk of the Senate or the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates where the chairman serves.

Additional funding may be necessary to provide for the per diem and travel costs of Commission members if they cannot be absorbed within existing funds. Compensation and expenses for Commission members is to be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission or, if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee. Compensation

to General Assembly members for attendance at any official meeting as prescribed is at the rate of \$200 for each day. Compensation is paid at the rate of \$50 each day for citizen members. Travel costs are estimated at \$25 per person per meeting. The total estimated cost for Commission members is \$6,075. The Division of Legislative Services will also incur some non personnel costs including office space, phones, leased copier, desktops, printer, office supplies and office furniture.

The engrossed bill contains the appropriation clause stating that the Agency Effectiveness Review Commission will only become effective if a supporting appropriation is included in the 2012-2014 Appropriation Act. The provisions of this enactment clause eliminate the need to require a budget amendment. If no amendment is adopted, this legislation will not be enacted.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Council on Virginia's Future, the Inspector General, and the Department of Planning and Budget would be providing assistance; however, all agencies are potentially impacted because all agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request and all agencies likely will be reviewed. It is not known how much increased workload, if any, would be placed on state agencies providing assistance to the Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: none

11. Other Comments: none

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