

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1327

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

2. Patron: Morris

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone; participating localities.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would add the City of Franklin and the Counties of Page and Shenandoah to the list of localities located within the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone. The zone was created in 2011 to incentivize certain businesses related to commerce through the Port of Virginia to locate or expand to localities within the zone by making such businesses eligible to apply for state grants.

Although Southampton County, which surrounds the City of Franklin, was included in the zone, the city itself was not. Page and Shenandoah are adjacent to Warren County, in which the Virginia Inland Port is located.

The engrossed version of the bill included an enactment clause stating the provisions of the bill were not to become effective unless an appropriation from the general fund was included for the provisions of this legislation in the 2013 Appropriation Act. The conference committee included an enactment clause stating that the provisions of that enactment clause had been met. The budget as passed by the General Assembly includes language authorizing \$1 million in general fund from the Governor's Opportunity Fund to be used for grants related to the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would include three additional localities to the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone. Since the number of grants provided will be limited by the amount of funding provided for this program, the addition of these localities will not necessarily translate into additional funding.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: City of Franklin, Page County, and Shenandoah County

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: The conference amendment states that the requirements of the third enactment have been met. However, the requirement for an appropriation from the general fund is contained in the second enactment.

11. Other Comments: The budget, as passed by the General Assembly, also adds the three localities to the zone.

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