

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB959

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

2. **Patron:** Sickles

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Virginia Legislative Travel Commission established.

5. **Summary:** Creates the Virginia Legislative Travel Commission, sets its membership and duties including the review of legislative travel requests over \$500 by members of the General Assembly, if such requests are to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. The Commission shall approve any such travel request where at least 90 percent of the travel is dedicated to the purpose of economic development, diplomacy, trade relations, or education or in furtherance of (i) carrying out duties imposed by statute, or (ii) the work of any standing or other committees of the General Assembly or legislative interim study commissions and committees.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$8,400		
2015	\$8,400		
2016	\$8,400		
2017	\$8,400		
2018	\$8,400		
2019	\$8,400		
2020	\$8,400		

8. **Fiscal Implications:** To establish the Virginia Legislative Travel Commission, the annual costs are estimated at \$4,400 for the Senate and \$4,000 for the House of Delegates. Of the \$4,000 for the House of Delegates, the annual costs are estimated at \$3,200 for interim meeting compensation and \$800 for related travel. It is unknown at this time if the General Assembly would be able to absorb these costs or not.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** General Assembly.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.