

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2193

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

2. Patron: Edmunds

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Use of grant funds for battlefield preservation

5. Summary: Expands the types of battlefields eligible to receive grants from the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund (the Fund), previously known as the Civil War Site Preservation Fund. Currently, moneys in the Fund can only be used for making grants to private nonprofit organizations for the fee simple purchase of, or purchase of protective interests in, Civil War historic sites. The bill allows the awarding of grants to protect Revolutionary War and War of 1812 historic battlefields.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 369 of SB800 and HB1400. A language only amendment is needed to update the Fund's name to reflect the change in this bill.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill potentially increases demand for grants from the Civil War Site Preservation Fund by allowing additional Revolutionary War and War of 1812 historic battlefield properties to qualify for a grant. It is anticipated that any increase in the workload associated with reviewing an increased number of grant applications resulting from additional demand can be absorbed by the agency using existing staff and resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Historic Resources.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Item 369, paragraph I, of the introduced budget bill (HB1400/SB800) provides for the deposit of \$1.0 million in FY 2015 and \$750,000 in FY 2016 to the Fund.