

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2197

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Tyler

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Broadband Advisory Council.

5. Summary: Increases the membership of the Broadband Advisory Council from 11 to 15 by adding two additional legislative members, a representative from the Center for Rural Virginia, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. The bill also provides that the Broadband Advisory Council will advise the General Assembly in addition to the Governor on policy and funding priorities to expedite deployment and reduce the cost of broadband access in the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: No state fiscal impact is expected from this bill. Current financial and administrative support for the Broadband Advisory Council and its members come from the Secretary of Technology, the Clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate, the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance, and the Center for Innovative Technology..

The Secretary of Technology is responsible for the expenses of the nonlegislative citizen members, who otherwise serve without compensation, and all other expenses of the Council. Staff support is provided by the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance and the Center for Innovative Technology. All expect no material fiscal impact from the change in membership of the Council or increase in total Council members from 11 to 15 and report that any minor additional costs can be absorbed.

The Clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate are responsible for providing funding for compensation and expenses incurred by legislative members of the Broadband Advisory Council in performance of their duties. Assuming the Council meets four times during the interim, the estimated cost of each of the two additional legislative Council members is \$1460; however the Clerks report that such costs can be absorbed within their existing budgets.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Technology, Clerk of the House of Delegates, Clerk of the Senate, Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority/ Center for Innovative Technology, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Forestry

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This revised fiscal impact statement reflects updated information provided by the Clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate.

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