

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1415

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: Edmunds

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Henrietta Lacks Commission; report; sunset.

5. Summary: Creates the Henrietta Lacks Commission to establish, through a public-private partnership, the Henrietta Lacks Life Sciences Center in Halifax County as a cancer research and treatment center designed to (i) transform and accelerate cancer research and treatment through the use of biodata tools, (ii) provide tailored cancer treatment medicine to an underserved portion of rural Southern Virginia, and (iii) incubate new biotech businesses across the Southside Virginia region. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact the provisions of this bill, as engrossed, would have on the Commonwealth and the Department of Health (VDH) cannot be determined at this time. While the bill states that VDH shall provide staff to support the Commission, it is unclear how much support is anticipated. However, VDH can be expected to provide some level of support to the Commission using current resources before it would impact the agency.

Additionally, the bill states that, “legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813.” Section 30-19.12 of the Code of Virginia (the code) states that, “members of all legislative committees, legislative commissions, and councils established by the General Assembly and all committees and subcommittees of any of the foregoing shall receive compensation at such rate as provided for in § 2.2-2813.” Section 2.2-2813 of the code provides that, “the funding for the compensation and reimbursement of expenses of members shall be provided by the collegial body or, if funds are not appropriated to the collegial body for such purpose, by the entity that supports the work of the collegial body.” Furthermore, the bill states that, “The Department of Health shall provide staff support to the Commission.” Therefore, the bill would require VDH to compensate and reimburse expenses of the members of the Commission, if the Appropriation Act does not provide funding for that purpose. It is

expected that these costs would be similar to the expenditures for the Board of Health, based on that, VDH would require \$15,000 in general fund support for FY 2019 through FY 2021, as the bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2021.

The bill also provides that the Commission shall have the power to establish a public-private partnership to create the Henrietta Lacks Life Sciences center as a cancer research and treatment center in Halifax County. It is unclear what the impact this partnership would have on the Commonwealth or any of Virginia's current cancer-treatment centers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB 171, introduced by Senator Stanley, is a companion bill.