Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB153

House of Origin	☐	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐	Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☒	Substitute	☐	Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Habeeb

3. **Committee:** Finance

4. **Title:** Revolutionary War cemeteries and graves; disbursement of appropriated sums to maintain.

5. **Summary:** This bill authorizes the Comptroller of the Commonwealth to disburse appropriated sums to the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VSSAR) for the maintenance of no more than 4,050 Revolutionary War graves set forth on a list submitted annually by the society to the Director of the Department of Historic Resources (the Director). The bill expands the categories of people whose graves may be maintained or marked to include persons rendering service to the Patriot cause in the Revolutionary War. The bill prohibits retroactive disbursements and requires the Director to deposit any funds that have been appropriated for grave maintenance but are not disbursed during the same fiscal year into the Revolutionary War Cemeteries and Graves Fund, which is created by the bill. The bill provides that the Director may use moneys in the Fund to make grants to perform extraordinary maintenance, renovation, repair, or reconstruction of cemeteries or graves or to erect and care for markers, memorials, and monuments. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes, to capitalize the fund under Item 374, HB/SB30. See items 8 and 11.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

Fiscal Year	*Dollars*	*Positions*	*Fund*
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	$20,250	0	GF
2020	$20,250	0	GF
2021	$20,250	0	GF
2022	$20,250	0	GF
2023	$20,250	0	GF
2024	$20,250	0	GF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Annually, an additional $20,250 of general fund appropriation will be required to implement the provisions of this bill, which provides for the maintenance of up to 4,050 additional Revolutionary War graves. The funding formula is $5.00, or the average actual cost of routine maintenance, multiplied by the number of graves. Based on the maximum number of graves and the $5.00 minimal payment for each, the estimated the estimated fiscal impact could be up to $20,250 for the Department of Historic Resources.

   This bill establishes a nongeneral fund, the Revolutionary War Cemeteries and Graves Fund, into which the general fund support will be deposited and from which funds will be disbursed to qualified entities.

   It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact for the Department of Accounts.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** The budget amendments adopted by the House include $20,250 in each year, from the general fund, for the care of additional Revolutionary War graves.

    SB177 also provides for the disbursement of funds to VSSAR.