

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB770

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

2. Patron: Jones, S.C.

3. Committee: Finance.

4. Title: Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.

5. Summary: This bill clarifies (i) that the members of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) Authority appointed by the Governor and the Joint Rules Committee are voting members of the Authority. The bill provides that, prior to the referral to the Office of the Attorney General, the Board shall direct any political subdivision that is a party to the relevant contract or memorandum of understanding to assign its rights to the Commonwealth arising under such contract or memorandum of understanding in which the business beneficiary is liable to repay all or a portion of an economic development incentive awarded by the Commonwealth. In any such matter referred to the Office of the Attorney General, a business beneficiary liable to repay all or a portion of an economic development incentive awarded by the Commonwealth shall also be liable to pay interest, administrative charges, attorney fees, and other applicable fees.

The bill also increases the number of members on: (i) VEDP's Committee on Business Development and Marketing from nine to 10, and (ii) the Committee on International Trade from eight to nine. Additionally, the bill extends to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) the existing closed meeting exemption for discussion of portions of the VEDP strategic, marketing, and operational plans that are exempt from public disclosure. Current law requires that VEDP report on these plans to the JLARC subcommittee on economic development but does not provide an exemption for discussion of the portions of those plans not subject to public disclosure.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. According to the Office of the Attorney General, the fiscal impact of this bill on the office is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Economic Development Partnership; Office of the Attorney General; Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.