

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB999

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

2. Patron: Byron

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance; Broadband Advisory Council; expiration.

5. Summary: Increases from 14 to 18 the total membership of the Broadband Advisory Council by adding two additional non-legislative members, who shall be representatives of the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives and of a municipal broadband authority, and two additional members of the Senate. The bill also replaces the Secretary of Technology with the Secretary of Administration as an ex officio member of the Council and extends the expiration of the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance and the Broadband Advisory Council from July 1, 2018, to July 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 1.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	-
2019	\$2,400	General
2020	\$2,400	General
2021	\$2,400	General
2022	-	-
2023	-	-
2024	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would add two additional members of the Senate to the Broadband Advisory Council. Consistent with the existing statute, legislative members of the Council receive compensation and are eligible for reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The compensation for these two additional members would be paid by the Senate of Virginia and the costs for reasonable and necessary expenditures are currently paid from the budget of the Secretary of Technology. Per the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, the fiscal impact to provide compensation for these two members is \$2,400 per year. The reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses for these two members is not expected to generate a fiscal impact.

This legislation would also add two additional non-legislative members to the Broadband Advisory Council. Consistent with the existing statute, non-legislative members of the Council serve without compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. As indicated above, such costs are paid from the budget of the Secretary of Technology. The addition of two non-legislative member to the Council is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

This legislation would also extend the expiration of the Council from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. Existing funding for the Council is included in HB30, as introduced, through the Office of the Secretary of Technology. Therefore, this provision of the legislation does not create a state fiscal impact. Replacing the Secretary of Technology with the Secretary of Administration as an ex officio member also does not generate a state fiscal impact.

This legislation would also extend the expiration of the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. Existing funding for the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance is included in HB30, as introduced, through the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority. Therefore, this provision of the legislation does not create a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance, Broadband Advisory Council, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority, and the Secretary of Technology.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. Line 31 removes the Secretary of Technology from membership on the Council, however, lines 42 through 44 are not amended and still require the Secretary of Technology to pay for expenses related to the Council. Clarification is needed as to which Secretary will now have responsibility for these expenses.

11. Other Comments: The Committee substitute version of SB991 increases the membership of the Council from 14 members to 17 members by adding two Senators and one non-legislative member. That bill also extends the Council's sunset to 2021.

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