

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB957

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Commission on Civic Education; sunset, membership, and funding.

5. Summary: The enrolled bill repeals the sunset provision for the Commission on Civic Education. The bill also repeals a prohibition on the use of general funds to support the work of the Commission. It also changes the structure of the Commission membership by reducing the number of legislative membership by three members, increasing the nonlegislative citizen membership by six members, and eliminating the lone ex-officio member, for an overall increase of two members. The enrolled bill also changes the criteria by which nonlegislative citizen members are to be selected.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Senate of Virginia would incur an annual impact of \$2,400 to pay the interim meeting compensation for the two Senate members with the sunset extension. The House of Delegates estimates an annual impact of \$3,600 to pay the interim meeting compensation for the three House members. The Commission will incur annual costs related to the reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses for all members, including the meeting compensation allowed for the 12 nonlegislative citizen members. For comparison purposes, examining expenditures of the Commission over the past five years, reimbursements for the expenses and compensation of six nonlegislative citizen members have ranged between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Costs will likely rise with the doubling of citizen membership, especially if the proximity of new members to meeting locations are distant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Commission on Civic Education; The Division of Legislative Services; The House of Delegates; The Senate of Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.