

Department of Planning and Budget

2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1315(SB1315H1 –HOUSE Substitute)

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

2. Patron Trumbo

3. Committee Rules

4. Title Clarifications for certain collegial bodies.

5. Summary/Purpose:

The bill **as introduced** conforms certain collegial bodies on which legislative members serve to meet the legislative guidelines adopted by the Joint Rules Committees. These bodies include: the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board, the Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board, the Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits, the Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the Council on Indians, the Virginia Military Advisory Council, Virginia War Memorial Foundation, the Southern States Energy Board, the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, the Virginia Land Conservation Board of Trustees, the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program, the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, the Education Commission of the States, the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium, the Virginia State Crime Commission, the Commission of Senate and Commission of House of Delegates on Interstate Cooperation, the Small Business Commission, the Legislative Transition Task Force (which is renamed the Commission and Electric Utility Restructuring) and Consumer Advisory Board, the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy, Public Private Partnership Contracts Oversight Group, the Rappahannock River Basin Commission, the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission, and the Tax Administration Delegation. The World Trade Alliance of the Blue Ridge is repealed due to inactivity.

For each of the collegial bodies, the bill clarifies items such as how the chairman is to be determined, what constitutes a quorum, terms of the members, reimbursement of expenses for members, source of funding, and source of staff support.

This **House substitute bill** makes the following changes to the bill as introduced:

- (1) It does not include the Public Private Partnership Contracts Oversight Group, the Roanoke River Bi-State Commission, the Rappahannock River Basin Commission, and the Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board.
- (2) It abolishes the Legislative Transition Task Force and replaces it with a new Commission and Electric Utility Restructuring, which is to have 10 legislative members and to meet at the call of the chairman. It also creates a new Consumer Advisory board to assist the new commission. The new advisory board is to have eight members (7 non-legislative and one legislative) and to meet at the call of the chairman.
- (3) It creates a new commission, the Virginia Delegation to the Multistate Tax Administration Discussions, which is to have five legislative members and meet at least four times a year.
- (4) It increases the membership in the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee from 18 to 21, rather than to 26 as in the introduced bill.
- (4) It removes obsolete code references to the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Partnership Council and the Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention, which have been abolished.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are tentative

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04	27,120	0	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: To the extent that costs identified below are not budgeted and cannot be absorbed by the agencies involved, a budget amendment or transfer of funds from legislative branch to Executive Branch agency could be appropriate.

8. Fiscal implications:

The bill creates three new collegial bodies and increases the membership in another. Fiscal implications are as follows:

- **New Commission and Electric Utility Restructuring.** The new body has the same number of members as the Legislative Transition Task Force it replaces. If the new body holds the same number of meetings as the Task Force, fiscal impact should be neutral.
- **New Consumer Advisory Board.** The new body is to have eight nonlegislative members, and replaces the 17-member board that assists the Legislative Transition Task Force, which is abolished in this bill. Since the new body has fewer members, costs for meetings will be somewhat less, assuming the same number of meetings held. Savings are estimated at \$11,400 annually, assuming four meetings a year and that all members attend each meeting.
- **New Virginia Delegation to the Multistate Tax Administration Discussions.** The new group is to have five legislative members and to meet at least four times annually, for a cost of about \$6,120 annually (including per diem payments to members, travel, and lodging, and meals) assuming all members attend each meeting.
- **Additional members in the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee.** The bill increases membership from 18 to 21, including one additional nonlegislative member and four additional ex officio members. Assuming the committee meets six times annually, and that all members attend each meeting, the additional cost (including per diem payments, travel, lodging, and meals) is estimated at \$4,500 annually.

In addition, other costs may be associated with this bill to the extent that it may require an agency to provide financial support to a collegial body that the agency is not now supporting. Given the number of collegial bodies included in the bill, it is not possible to determine whether the bill would change the source of support for each. For the most part, the bill appears to simply clarify current practice in terms of such support. However, at least one agency indicates that the bill would require it to provide financial support for a collegial body that it does not now support. The Department of Environmental Quality reports that the bill requires it to provide financial support to the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee. Assuming the committee meets six times annually, and that all members attend each meeting, the costs to DEQ are estimated at \$32,400 annually. (This estimate assumes per diem payments of \$200 for legislative members and \$0 for others, \$150 per meeting for meals, and \$100 per person per meeting for travel and lodging.) Overall, fiscal impact is roughly estimated at \$27,120, factoring in increased costs of new collegial bodies with savings in another. Full impact cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The specific collegial bodies shown above.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments:

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