

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 1673

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

**2. Patron** Marshall, Robert G.

**3. Committee** General Laws

**4. Title** Immigration, Commission on; created, report

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Creates the Virginia Commission on Immigration as an advisory commission in the executive branch to analyze the current impact of immigration on the Commonwealth and make recommendations on related policies in the areas of education, employment, and cooperative efforts with the federal government. The bill sets out the membership of the Commission and its powers and duties and defines immigration. The Commission expires on August 1, 2009.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.**

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2007	-	-	-
2008	\$66,166	-	General Fund
2009	\$66,166	-	General Fund
2010	\$3,889	-	General Fund
2011	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Virginia Commission on Immigration (the Commission) will consist of 21 members. Committee members shall be compensated at the rate of \$50 per day and have expenses reimbursed. If the General Assembly is in session, delegates will receive expenses but no compensation. The Commission will operate from July 1, 2007 until August 1, 2009.

This analysis assumes that 30 percent of the members live near Richmond and their expenses would be \$20 per meeting, 30 percent live in Central Virginia and their expenses would be \$50 per meeting, and the remaining members would incur expenses of \$120 per meeting. The calculations for expenses and compensation to fund the Commission are as follows:

Number of Commission members (9 are delegates):	21
Meetings per year when GA is not in session:	6
Meetings per year when GA is in session:	2
Expense Reimbursement:	\$20 - \$120
Compensation per day:	\$50

Compensation Summary:

12 members * \$50 * 8 annual meetings	\$4,800
9 members * \$50 * 6 meetings	<u>\$2,700</u>
Total annual compensation	\$7,500

Expense Summary:

6 members * \$20 * 8 annual meetings	\$ 960
6 members * \$50 * 8 annual meetings	\$ 2,400
9 members * \$120 * 8 annual meetings	<u>\$ 8,640</u>
Total annual expenses	\$12,000

The bill also states that “staff to the Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.” It is assumed that staff would be provided by the Department of Social Services’ (DSS) Office of Newcomer services (ONS). ONS staff is fully utilized; therefore, a temporary staff person would be needed to assist in gathering and analyzing data, coordinating with other commissions and state agencies, preparing materials for Commission meetings, and preparing annual reports. Using a mid-range pay band 5 salary, or \$28.90 per hour, total wages and FICA would be \$46,666 for FY 2008 and FY 2009. Since the bill has an enactment clause that states that the Commission expires August 1, 2009, one month’s wages or \$3,889 is requested for FY 2010. Although ONS staff is federally funded, the use of staff for work unrelated to specific program mandates is prohibited; general fund would be required for this position.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Department of Social Services

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources