Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

l.	Bill Numbe	r HB2240
	House of Orig	in Introduced Substitute Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee Substitute Enrolled
2.	Patron	Cox
3.	Committee	Appropriations
4.	Title	Virginia War Memorial

- **5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill requires the State Treasurer to advance a loan of \$3.5 million to the Department of General Services for the state share of the construction of an educational wing for the Virginia War Memorial in the form of a short-term treasury loan, with no interest, upon certification by the Secretary of Administration that \$2 million in private funds have been raised, are available, and will be used to support construction.
- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** See item 8, below.
- **7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item C-4. The general fund appropriation would need to be increased from \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** Chapter 3, 2006 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, provides \$2.5 million (\$500,000 from the general fund and \$2.0 million in special fund appropriation) for the project. The introduced budget bill also adds \$1.5 million from the general fund to support the construction of this project (Item C-4). The remaining appropriation needed to complete this project is \$2.0 million from the general fund.

The Department of Treasury and the Department of Planning and Budget are authorized to provide anticipation loans for capital projects. However, according to Section 4-3.02 of Chapter 3, a treasury loan for a capital project is only authorized when the agency has developed a plan for financing the capital project and it has an identified source of anticipated revenue (i.e. federal funds) to repay the treasury loan. Given that only \$1.5 million general fund has been authorized in the Governor's introduced budget and that the War Memorial has no other source to repay the treasury loan of \$3.5 million, the only means for moving forward with this capital project (with a total cost of \$6.0 million-\$4.0 general fund; \$2.0 private funds) is to increase the general fund appropriation for this project by \$2.0 million. Otherwise, there will be a \$2.0 million liability on the general fund.

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of General Services, Department of the Treasury.
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration

Secretary of Finance