

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1223

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Bowling

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Virginia Employment Commission; regional offices

5. Summary: The bill requires the Virginia Employment Commission to maintain at least one regional office in each planning district in Virginia.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires the Virginia Employment Commission to have one office in each of Virginia's 21 planning districts. The commission currently has offices in every planning district except district 18 (Essex, King William, King and Queen, Middlesex, Matthews, and Gloucester counties).

According to the Virginia Employment Commission, the cost of staffing and operating a medium sized office is \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 per year. The bill will require the agency to open an office in the planning district without an office. In addition, the bill will restrict the commission's flexibility in co-locating employment services with workforce services or social service agencies.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Employment Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade