

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB474

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cox

3. Committee: Pending

4. Title: **Virginia War Memorial**

5. Summary: This bill requires the State Treasurer to advance a loan of \$5.97 million to the Department of General Services for the state share of the construction of an educational wing for the Virginia War Memorial and the expansion of the shrine of memory for War on Terror Virginians killed in action, in the form of a short-term treasury loan, with no interest, upon certification by the Secretary of Administration that (i) \$2 million in private funds have been raised, (ii) the funds are available or have been expended, and (iii) the funds were or will be used to support the projects. The State Treasurer shall advance \$500,000 of the \$5.97 million upon certification that \$1 million in private funds have been raised or expended for the educational wing.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Language in Item C-4 of the HB 29 would need to be amended to correspond with this legislation if the intent is to allow the Department of General Services to access this loan before June 30, 2008. Language should be inserted into HB 30 to allow for the appropriation of the treasury loan if it is expected during the new biennium. The language would be similar to the language now contained in HB 29, Item C-4, except for the revised amount of the loan.

8. Fiscal Implications: Though this bill does not appropriate funds for the Virginia War Memorial Educational Wing, it provides permanent authority to advance a treasury loan in the amount of \$5,970,000 to the War Memorial once \$2,000,000 in private funds have been raised. Since no repayment source is provided, after the treasury loan is advanced, the Commonwealth will be obligated to appropriate fund to repay this loan in the same amount. The timeframe of the impact to the general fund is unknown because it is conditional on \$2,000,000 in private funds being raised and when this will occur is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of General Services, Department of Accounts, Department of Veterans Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes. The language should read that the "State Comptroller" rather than the "State Treasurer" shall advance a loan.

11. Other Comments: Same as SB662.

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