

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 319

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

**2. Patron:**        Senator Wagner

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**         Adding sensor sciences to the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund

**5. Summary:** This bill adds sensor sciences to the list of fields eligible to receive awards from the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact (see Section 8)

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The addition of sensor sciences to the existing list of potential research programs should not result in an additional funding requirement for the Commonwealth because funding for the CTRF is not appropriated according to the type of research. The funding results from General Assembly appropriation and any gifts, grants, or donations that come from public and private sources. Awards from the CTRF are granted to competing programs based on the scientific merit and economic development potential and must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the recipient institution of higher education.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia's public institutions of higher education and/or their associated intellectual property foundations

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**11. Other Comments:** HB 234 is the companion to this bill.

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