

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1238

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

**2. Patron:**        Saxman

**3. Committee:** Committee on Rules

**4. Title:**        **Commonwealth Realignment Commission.**

**5. Summary:** Commonwealth Realignment Commission. Creates the Commonwealth Realignment Commission in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to (i) review the operations of state agencies and state-funded programs with a view toward the reduction of nonessential programs and expenditures; (ii) examine and promote methods of providing a portion or all of select government-provided or government-produced programs and services through the private sector by a competitive contracting program; and (iii) advise the Governor and the General Assembly of the Commission's findings and recommendations. The Commission shall consist of 10 members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker thereof, of whom at least five shall be members of the House Appropriations Committee, and five members from the Senate appointed by the Privileges and Elections Committee of the Senate, of whom at least two shall be members of the Finance Committee, and the Auditor of Public Accounts, ex officio, who shall have no voting privileges. The bill authorizes the Commission to hire an executive director and staff. The bill also eliminates the Commonwealth Competition Council and contains technical amendments.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008			
2009	\$446,418	4	GF
2010	\$446,418	4	GF
2011	\$446,418	4	GF
2012	\$446,418	4	GF
2013	\$446,418	4	GF
2014	\$446,418	4	GF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. New item.**

## 8. Fiscal Implications:

HB 1238 sets forth the various duties and responsibilities of the proposed Commonwealth Realignment Commission, and (with the approval of the members of the Commission) allows for a compensated executive director and “adequate staff” including, “professional personnel, consultants, and secretarial and clerical employees.” As such, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, the following staff are assumed for the proposed Commission:

Positions	Salary and Benefits
Executive Director	\$133,409
Senior Policy Analyst	\$105,150
Analyst	\$86,700
Secretary	\$62,100
<b>TOTAL Personnel Costs</b>	<b>\$387,359</b>

Non personnel costs including office space, phones, leased copier, desktops, printer, office supplies and office furniture are estimated at **\$38,809**.

In addition to professional staff, the proposed Commission would consist of 16 board members. The associated costs for those members are estimated below.

Commission members (15 would be General Assembly members)	16
Meetings per year when the GA is not in session	3
Meetings per year when the GA is in session	1

According to DLS, meeting costs are estimated at \$450 per person per meeting. With 15 members of the General Assembly meeting about three times during the year, the estimated cost is **\$20,250**.

<b><u>Total estimate including staff</u></b>	<b>\$446,418</b>
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## 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Auditor of Public Accounts would be the primary assisting agency but “all agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission.” It is not known how much increased workload, if any, would be placed on state agencies providing assistance to the Commission.

## 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

## 11. Other Comments: N/A

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