

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2353

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

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Education; Teachers and Admin. Subcommittee

4. Title: **Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.**

5. Summary: Re-establishes the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as the governing entity for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton and the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton. This bill also repeals the section providing for the Advisory Commission on the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and the authority of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prescribe the curricula and other matters for the schools. Technical amendments have also been made to conform certain provisions pertaining to the Board of Visitors to current statutory drafting requirements.

6. Fiscal impact is minimal.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Costs associated with a Board of Visitors can be expensed with federal special education funding received by the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton. The expense associated with the current Advisory Commission, consisting of five legislative members and seven nonlegislative members are funded through federal special education dollars received by the Virginia Department of Education.

The Board of Visitors establishes a governing body of four legislative members and seven nonlegislative members. The Board of Visitors is composed of eleven members, while the Advisory Commission consists of twelve members. Some savings is probable because the group will consist of one less member requesting reimbursement. Expenditure estimates are based on average actual requested reimbursements, to date, by the Advisory Commission.

Fiscal assumptions and calculations

4 legislator compensation requests x \$200 per diem per day x 4 meetings per year = \$1,600

\$135 average travel reimbursement request x 11 members x 4 meetings per year = \$5,940

Total = approximately \$7,540 per year

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton, Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-disabled at Hampton,

Virginia Department of Education. Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing,
Virginia Department for the Blind and Visually Impaired

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Education