

Department of Planning & Budget
REVISED 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2617

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

2. Patron: Saxman

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: **Commonwealth Realignment Commission**

- 5. Summary:** 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 15 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 Rules 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: FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES ARE PRELIMINARY

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009			
2010	\$426,155	4	GF
2011	\$426,155	4	GF
2012	\$426,155	4	GF
2013	\$426,155	4	GF
2014	\$425,030	4	GF
2015	\$425,030	4	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. New item.

8. Fiscal Implications:

HB 2617 sets forth the various duties and responsibilities of the proposed Commission (with the approval of the members of the Commission) and allows for a compensated executive director and "adequate executive staff" to carry out its duties. As such, the following staff are assumed for the proposed Commission:

Positions	Salary and Benefits
Executive Director	\$132,531
Senior Analyst	\$104,284
Analyst	\$85,860
Secretary	\$61,296
Total Personnel Costs	\$383,971

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 15 commission members. The associated costs for those members are estimated below:

Commission members (all General Assembly members): 15

Meetings per year when the GA is not in session: 3

Using the House of Delegates standard estimate, meeting costs are estimated at \$75 per person per meeting. With 10 reimbursement-eligible members meeting about three times during the year, the estimated cost is **\$3,375**.

Total estimate including staff \$426,155

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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