

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1464

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

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: **Chief Executive Officer for Transportation.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would abolish the offices of the Secretary of Transportation and Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and replaces those positions with a Chief Executive Officer for Transportation. Such an executive would take over the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, the Director of the Department of Aviation, and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

The bill would also abolish the Virginia Board of Aviation and the Rail Advisory Board and transfer their functions to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The composition of the Commonwealth Transportation Board is changed to remove the Secretary of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and to provide for election of the at-large members of the Board by the General Assembly. The Commonwealth Transportation Board would be responsible for electing, for a term of four years, the Chief Executive Officer for Transportation.

The bill would also transfer oversight of the Virginia Port Authority and the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Language changes would need to be made to various Items in the budget to reflect the intent of the General Assembly.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fourth enactment clause directs the Chief Executive Officer for Transportation to effect, to the greatest extent feasible, consolidation of operations, programs, and responsibilities into a single administrative entity. There may be costs associated with amending agency operations to carry out the consolidations, as well as cost savings resulting from reduced duplication of efforts. Such costs or savings cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, Department of Aviation, Motor Vehicle Dealer Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation