

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1200

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

2. Patron: McQuinn

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: **Virginia Slave Commission.**

5. Summary: Establishes the Virginia Slave Commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of addressing political, economic, educational, and societal issues, and public policies whose roots lie in the transatlantic slave trade. The commission, among other things, must (i) identify the vestiges and assess the effects of the transatlantic slave trade on African Americans, the Commonwealth, and modern societal problems and public policies, (ii) explore and showcase the contributions of African Americans in building Virginia and the nation, (iii) determine the educational and economic value to the Commonwealth of preserving sites and facilities of historic and archaeological significance to African American culture and contributions, and (iv) recommend feasible and appropriate options to resolve lingering societal problems whose roots lie in slavery.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill indicates that for its first year of existence, if the commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the Appropriation Act, the commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate upon the approval of the Joint Rules Committee. If the commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the Appropriation Act for any year thereafter, this chapter shall expire on July 1 of the fiscal year that the commission fails to receive such funding.

The bill also establishes a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia Slave Commission Fund (Fund). The fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and shall consist of gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or other funds from any source as may be received by the commission for its work. Moneys in the fund shall be used for the purpose of enabling the commission to perform its duties.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010			
2011	\$3,040		0100
2012	\$3,040		0100
2013	\$3,040		0100
2014	\$3,040		0100
2015	\$3,040		0100
2016	\$3,040		0100

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. The bill indicates that funding for compensation and expenses of the members shall be paid from existing appropriations to the commission, or if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Commission. Currently, this commission has no appropriation.

8. **Fiscal Implications:**

Estimated expense costs

Number of Commission members:	12
Meetings per year when GA is not in session:	3
Meetings per year when GA is in session:	1
Expense Reimbursement:	\$20-\$120
(33% at \$20; 33% at \$50; 33% at \$120)	

Expense Summary:

4 members*	\$20*	4 meetings	=\$320
4 members*	\$50*	4 meetings	=\$800
4 members*	\$120*	4 meetings	=\$1,920
Total			\$3,040

§4-5.01 C of the 2010 Appropriation Act suspends per diem payments

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Division of Legislative Services, all state agencies upon request

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** Similar to SB 618

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