

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB676

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

**2. Patron:** May

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee on Rules

**4. Title:** Aerospace Advisory Council.

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill removes the sunset on the Aerospace Advisory Council and adds three members to the council. In addition to advising the Governor, the council shall advise the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology (SOTech), Commerce and Trade, and Education, on policy and funding priorities with respect to aerospace development, workforce training, and educational programs and curriculum. The bill also eliminates reimbursement of expenses for nonlegislative members.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** While the substitute bill increases the number of nonlegislative members on the council, it also eliminates any reimbursements to nonlegislative members, thus canceling any fiscal implications. Many other changes to the bill appear to clarify and codify current practices. But there are fiscal impacts projected from the SOTech office as follows.

SOTech is responsible for providing staff and associated funding to support the council. There are two examples where SOTech may incur significant costs which SOTech cannot absorb:

- The bill requires the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Mid-Atlantic spaceport. SOTech expects that preparation of the long-term strategic plan would require a considerable amount of time and specific skills that are currently not available as restrained by the present staffing level. Assuming that this would be a “near term” activity, a person with strong business writing and presentation skills would need to be hired or contracted.
- The bill calls for SOTech to assist the governor with any aerospace related events and conferences hosted by the Commonwealth. This requirement may lead to a great deal of work depending on the number and frequency of the events.

For these two examples alone, SOTech projects the following costs associated with the substitute bill:

Staffing

Standard staffing requirements and event coordination - .75 FTE - \$30,000/year

Long-term strategic plan development – 1 person, 2 years - \$75,000/year (hire or contract)

Supplies

Meeting and administrative supplies - \$7,500/yr

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology, Commerce and Trade, and Education and Workforce Development.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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