

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB676

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

2. Patron: May

3. Committee: Senate Committee on Rules

4. Title: Aerospace Advisory Council.

5. Summary: The Senate substitute bill removes the July 1, 2010, sunset on the Aerospace Advisory Council and adds five nonlegislative citizen 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, Commerce and Trade, and Education and Workforce Development on policy and funding priorities with respect to aerospace development, workforce training, and educational programs and curriculum. The bill charges the Department of Aviation with the responsibility for staffing the council, and assigns the Department of Legislative Services to supply additional staff support to legislative members. The bill also rewrites the duties of the council.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill increases staffing support costs minimally by raising the number of nonlegislative members on the council by five. There are also potential costs associated with the coordination of meetings, the publishing of minutes, the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Mid-Atlantic spaceport, and the requirement to assist the governor with any aerospace related events and conferences hosted by the Commonwealth. The Department of Aviation expects to be able to absorb these costs within their existing budget.

The Division of Legislative Services expects no fiscal impact to the agency from this bill.

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: This bill is similar to the House substitute for SB 23.

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