

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB527

House of Origin ☒ 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 contemporary 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. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Currently, this commission has no appropriation

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$8,100	0	General Fund
2014	\$8,100	0	General Fund
2015	\$8,100	0	General Fund
2016	\$8,100	0	General Fund
2017	\$8,100	0	General Fund
2018	\$8,100	0	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation provides that if no appropriation is received for its first year of existence, the commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate upon approval of the Joint Rules Subcommittee. If no separate appropriation is received any year after, the commission will expire on July 1 of the fiscal year it fails to receive funding.

The fiscal impact is based upon 11 commission members comprising of six legislative members (four members of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate), three

citizen members, and two ex-officio meeting four times a year at an average cost of \$75 per member, per meeting for expenses. Expenses would vary depending upon the composition of where the commission members are from.

Consequently, the resulting impact is:

11 members x 4 meetings x \$75 per meeting = \$3,300

Compensation for 6 legislative members = \$200 per day x 6 members x 4 meetings = \$4,800

§4-5.01 C of the 2011 Virginia Acts of Assembly suspends per diem payments for citizen members.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: no

11. Other Comments: n/a

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