

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB500

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

2. **Patron:** McEachin

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Compensation of members of the General Assembly.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits compensation or reimbursement for expenses to legislators for attendance or services performed at a conference for which the conference agenda or materials are not readily available to the public.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation is funded for the purpose of travel to conferences by members of the General Assembly. This Commission is administered by the House and Senate Clerks Offices. Funds appropriated for this Commission are used to pay dues to various organizations and the related travel by the members of the General Assembly.

In 2013, the following amounts were expended on the part of the House of Delegates for travel and compensation to House members:

National Conference of State Legislatures -- \$21,935.55
Southern Regional Education Board -- \$ 2,139.54
Southern Legislative Conference -- \$735.00
American Legislative Exchange Council -- \$19,895.94
Annual Speaker's Conference -- \$1,776.65

In 2013, the Senate expended \$8,400 towards conferences that might be affected by this bill. The provisions of this bill are expected to reduce travel related costs to the General Assembly.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** General Assembly.

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

11. Other Comments: None.