

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1213

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Human trafficking; legislative commission created.

5. Summary: The bill creates a legislative commission, the Commission on the Prevention of Human Trafficking (the Commission), for the purpose of studying human trafficking in the Commonwealth, providing recommendations for the prevention of human trafficking and for services to victims of human trafficking and to develop effective strategies to combat human trafficking. The Senate and the House are designated to provide administrative staff support and the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) are to provide staffing for legal, research, policy analysis, and any other services requested by the Commission. The commission will expire in three years.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate at this time since the bill does not specify the number of meetings to be held each year, and meeting costs is one of the primary factors in determining the fiscal impact for this bill.

As is the case with most interim study commissions, the primary costs center on staffing and meeting expenses. With regards to staffing, DLS estimates staffing costs to be at \$10,500. The Senate and House expect their staffing costs to be minimal. If the Commission goes unfunded, the Senate and House expect to be able to cover any staffing costs from existing appropriations. Though the bill is silent to the number of meetings to be held, it is still possible to examine potential costs based on past exposures to legislative bodies having a similar structure. Both the House and Senate chose to base their estimates on the expectation that the new commission will likely meet four times in each year of existence, the norm for an interim study commission. To cover member compensation and citizen representative expenses, the Senate estimates their costs would be \$5,580.00 each year, while the House believes their costs could be as high as \$9,100 each year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commission on the Prevention of Human Trafficking; The Senate of Virginia; The House of Delegates; The Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.