

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 171

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Henrietta Lacks Commission; report; sunset.

5. Summary: Creates the Henrietta Lacks Commission to establish, through a public-private partnership, the Henrietta Lacks Life Sciences Center in Halifax County as a cancer research and treatment center designed to (i) transform and accelerate cancer research and treatment through the use of biodata tools, (ii) provide tailored cancer treatment medicine to an underserved portion of rural Southern Virginia, and (iii) incubate new biotech businesses across the Southside Virginia region. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact the provisions of this bill would have on the Commonwealth and the Department of Health (VDH) cannot be determined at this time. While the bill states that VDH shall provide staff to support the Commission, it is unclear how much support is anticipated. However, VDH can be expected to provide some level of support to the Commission using current resources before it would impact the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB 1415, introduced by Delegate Edmunds, is a companion bill.