

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2739

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

**2. Patron:**    Herring

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:**    Historical African American cemeteries; City of Alexandria.

**5. Summary:** Adds six cemeteries in Alexandria to the list of cemeteries for which qualified organizations may receive funds from the Department of Historic Resources for the care of historical African American cemeteries and graves. The cemeteries are the Baptist Cemetery at the African American Heritage Park, which contains 28 eligible graves; the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery, which contains 631 eligible graves; the Douglass Cemetery, which contains 83 eligible graves; the Lebanon Union Cemetery, which contains 53 eligible graves; the Methodist Protestant Cemetery, which contains 1,134 eligible graves; and the Penny Hill Cemetery, which contains 14 eligible graves.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 374, HB1700/SB1100.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	\$9,715	0	General Fund
2021	\$9,715	0	General Fund
2022	\$9,715	0	General Fund
2023	\$9,715	0	General Fund
2024	\$9,715	0	General Fund
2025	\$9,715	0	General Fund

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill specifically lists six new cemeteries in Alexandria, with a combined total of 1,943 eligible graves. Based on the number of graves and the \$5.00 minimal payment for each, the estimated fiscal impact to the general fund would be at least \$9,715 per year. The fiscal impact of providing funding equal to the average actual cost of routine maintenance is indeterminate. Budget language in paragraphs J.1 and 2 of Item 374 in HB1700/SB1100, as Introduced, references funding for the support of the preservation and care of historical African American graves.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Historic Resources.

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

**11. Other Comments:** HB1973, HB2311, HB2406, HB2681 and SB1128 also add cemeteries to the list of cemeteries for which a qualified organization may receive funds from DHR.