

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1523

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

2. Patron: Frank M. Ruff (Prior to Substitute)

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Governor's secretaries; Secretary of Workforce Development created.

5. Summary: Creates in the Governor's cabinet the position of Secretary of Workforce Development (the Secretary). The bill removes the position of Chief Workforce Development Advisor and reassigns that position's responsibilities to the Secretary. The Senate Substitute moves the responsibility for the Department of Labor and Industry and the Virginia Employment Commission from the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to the Secretary of Workforce Development.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary - See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: With the exception of the responsibility for the Department of Labor and Industry and the Virginia Employment Commission, the duties of the Secretary of Workforce Development are currently being performed by the Chief Workforce Development Advisor within the Office of the Governor. The responsibility for the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) and the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) is currently being performed by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

If the intent is to set-out the new Secretary of Workforce Development in amendments to SB 1100 (the 2019 budget bill) then budget amendments will be needed to create new budget items for the new secretary's office and to move DOLI and VEC from the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to the Secretary of Workforce Development. Currently, the Chief Workforce Advisor and associated staff are funded through a federal grant (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014) received through the Virginia Community College System.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Chief Workforce Development Advisor and Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB2545