

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB658

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

**2. Patron:** Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler and Jason S. Miyares

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Commission to Investigate the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting; report.

- 5. Summary:** Establishes an independent commission to investigate the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach mass shooting (the Commission). Under the bill, the Commission will consist of 21 members appointed as follows: five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, five members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and 10 members appointed by the Governor. The Superintendent of State Police will serve ex officio as a nonvoting member. The Commission is charged with investigating the underlying motive for the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach mass shooting, investigating the gunman's entire prior employment history with the City of Virginia Beach and his interactions with coworkers and supervisors, determining how the gunman was able to carry out his actions, identifying any obstacles confronted by first responders, identifying and examining the security procedures and protocols in place immediately prior to the shootings, examining the post-shooting communications between law enforcement and families of the victims, and developing recommendations regarding improvements that can be made in the Commonwealth's laws, policies, procedures, systems, and institutions, as well as those of other governmental agencies and private providers.

The Office of the State Inspector General or such other person or entity under the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security will staff the Commission, as designated by the Governor. The expenses of the Commission will be paid from existing appropriations to the Office of the State Inspector General or any agency under the Secretary, as determined by the Governor. The Commission has a sunset date of November 1, 2022.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No, see Item 8.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	0	0	n/a
2021	\$38,504	0	General Fund
2022	\$38,504	0	General Fund
2023	\$19,252	0	n/a

2024	\$0	0	n/a
2025	\$0	0	n/a
2026	\$0	0	n/a

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill states this commission's expenses will be paid from existing appropriations in the Office of the State Inspector General or any agency under the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings and staff support. It is estimated the meeting costs will be approximately \$31,384 per year. This provides for 20 nonlegislative, citizen members and the Superintendent of State Police attending four meetings per year, the average number of meetings a commission of this nature usually involves. This number includes mileage, lodging and incidentals, meals, and citizen per diem for each of the 20 members. It also includes mileage, lodging and incidentals, and meals for the Superintendent of State Police for four meetings per year. The administrative and staffing costs each year will be approximately \$7,120. This is for costs such as postage, staffing, and other costs of business. These numbers are provided by the Division of Legislative Services as approximate costs for a commission of this nature.

It is assumed the commission will start work July 1, 2020, therefore there is no fiscal impact for FY 2020 included. The impact for FY 2022 is reduced as the commission will sunset on November 1, 2022.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the State Inspector General, Agencies under the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

- 11. Other Comments:**