

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1657

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

**2. Patron:** Price

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Virginia STEM Education Advisory Board; purpose and duties; historically underrepresented students.

**5. Summary:** Expands the purpose of the Virginia Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Advisory Board to include promoting the participation of historically underrepresented students, as defined in the bill, in primary and secondary schools in STEM education. The bill expands the duties of the Board to effectuate this additional purpose. Finally, the bill increases from 16 to 24 the non-legislative citizen membership of the Board and provides that the eight additional members be appointed by the chairmen of the Virginia African American Advisory Board, Virginia-Asian Advisory Board, Latino Advisory Board, Council on Women, Virginia LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, Virginia Indian Advisory Board on State Recognition, Office of New Americans Advisory Board, and Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, with each chairman appointing one member representing the population served by his advisory board subject to the approval of a majority of the members of his advisory board.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. This bill would add eight additional non-legislative members to the Board. Based on current compensation rates for travel, food and lodging, it could cost approximately \$3,000 per meeting for these additional members. Section 22.1-366 of the Code requires funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the Board members to be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education. There is not an existing appropriation to support this Board and the compensation and expenses of its members. If an appropriation is not provided to support these changes, the Secretary of Education's office would have to absorb any additional cost within its existing budget.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia STEM Education Advisory Board, Secretary of Education

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None