

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1218

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Commonwealth Council on Aging; membership

5. Summary: The proposed legislation reduces from 24 to 16 the number of members to be appointed to the Commonwealth Council on Aging by (i) replacing the requirement that the membership include one member from each of the 11 congressional districts of the Commonwealth with the requirement that the membership include one member from each of the eight regions of the Commonwealth identified by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Policy's Virginia Regional Map (2017); (ii) adding the Executive Director of the Virginia Center on Aging and removing the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources as ex officio members; and (iii) reducing from four to two the number of members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules, respectively. The bill authorizes the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to employ a person to facilitate the duties of the Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 335. Note: Fiscal impact is based on an assumption that the bill requires additional support of Council duties. See item 8 for more details.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$130,000	1.0	General
2025	\$130,000	1.0	General
2026	\$130,000	1.0	General
2027	\$130,000	1.0	General
2028	\$130,000	1.0	General
2029	\$130,000	1.0	General
2030	\$130,000	1.0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation makes a number of membership and organizational changes to the Commonwealth Council on Aging. None of these changes are

expected to have a fiscal impact. However, the bill also adds language to an existing requirement that the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) must provide staff support to the Commonwealth Council on Aging. In addition to staffing the Council, DARS is also authorized to employ a person to perform a number of specific duties of for the Council. These duties include facilitating Council duties, performing research services, preparing policies, and providing legislative recommendations.

While DARS is currently responsible for providing staff support to the Council, the agency does not have any staff wholly dedicated to this effort. In order to provide the level of Council support as outlined in the bill, it is expected that DARS would require an additional position and approximately \$130,000 general fund each year.

Note: Should the bill language be interpreted such that DARS is not required to perform the additional Council duties and such activities are at the discretion of the DARS Commissioner, then no fiscal impact would be expected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None