

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB420

<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:** Head

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Visitors; membership; powers and duties.

**5. Summary:** Expands the total membership of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind from 11 to 15 members by increasing the number of nonlegislative citizen members from seven to 11. The bill provides that of the 11 nonlegislative citizen members, two shall be parents of current students at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, of whom (i) one is the parent of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing and one is the parent of a student who is vision impaired and (ii) one represents the Eastern region of the Commonwealth and one represents the Western region of the Commonwealth; two shall be representatives of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind Alumni Association who are deaf or hard of hearing; and two shall be representatives of the Alumni Association who are vision impaired. Under current law, the requirements for the parent representatives are less specific and there is only one representative of the Alumni Association. The bill also amends the powers and duties of the Board of Visitors to include supervising the superintendent, other officers, and the faculty of the school. The bill provides that, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, any notice of a meeting of the Board of Visitors shall state whether public comment will be received and, if so, the approximate point at which it will be received. The bill requires that at each meeting at which public comment will be received each interested individual is allotted three minutes to speak and prohibits limiting that allotted time without adequate notice prior to the date of the meeting. Finally, the bill defines the terms "deaf," "hard of hearing," and "vision impaired."

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill is anticipated to have a small fiscal impact on the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. The additional costs associated with the bill involve nonlegislative member compensation of \$50 per meeting, reimbursement for lodging and meals and incidentals per U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) lodging and per diem rates, and reimbursement for mileage per U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) mileage rates. Given that the VSDB Board of Visitors is limited to meeting four times each year, the agency will incur these costs four times a year for each new member. VSDB can absorb these costs with existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None