

**Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1823

Patron: Reid

Bill Title: Virginia Commission on Lynching Sites Memorialization established; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Virginia Commission on Lynching Sites Memorialization as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the 15-member Commission is to acknowledge the history of racial violence in Virginia through the placement of historical markers at the sites of lynchings. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

Items Impacted: 1, 371

Explanation: It is anticipated that the General Assembly (GA) and Department of Historic Resources (DHR) will require additional funding to implement the provisions of this bill. It is anticipated that nonlegislative commission member organizations and the Office of the Governor can absorb any expenses associated with this legislation.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a general fund expenditure of \$83,208 in fiscal year 2026, and \$78,458 in both 2027 and 2028. Budget amendments would need to reflect \$7,200 each in 2026, 2027, and 2028 in Item 1; \$83,208 in 2026 in Item 371; and \$78,458 in both 2027 and 2028 in Item 371.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
Senate (100)	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	\$0
House (101)	\$0	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	\$0
DHR (423)	\$0	\$76,008	\$71,258	\$71,258	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$83,208	\$78,458	\$78,458	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. Assuming the commission established in this bill would meet four times per year through fiscal year 2028, the annual cost is estimated at \$83,208 in 2026 and \$78,458 each in 2027 and 2028.

This bill requires participation from four Delegates and two Senators. Compensation for six members of the GA under Item 1 totals \$7,200, and associated travel estimates total \$8,808, which will be paid for by DHR. This is based on each member receiving \$300 per meeting under Item 1 and a travel budget of \$367 per meeting under Item 371. Costs for six nonlegislative members appointed by the Governor are \$3,600 annually, at a rate of \$150 per person, per meeting, to be paid by DHR.

DHR does not have any openings or additional capacity within current resources that could absorb this work. Currently, the highway marker program is supported by one full-time position and one wage employee. The

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agency anticipates hiring contract staff over the three-year period designated in this bill at a cost of approximately \$50,000 annually. Staff would be responsible for conducting primary research, seeking out and engaging with descendants, drafting marker texts, collaborating with other agencies and commissions, and coordinating fundraising. The cost estimate assumes a maximum of 1500 hours per year at \$30.96 per hour plus Federal Insurance Contributions Act payroll taxes. An additional \$13,500 in the first year and \$8,850 for each year thereafter is anticipated to cover information technology (hardware and software), office furniture and supplies, travel and food, and other commission costs.

Other: None.