## **Department of Planning and Budget** 2025 General Assembly Session **State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Bill Number:** HB1739 Reid Patron:

**Bill Title:** General Assembly Military and Veterans Commission established.

Bill Summary: Establishes the General Assembly Military and Veterans Commission as a standing commission for the purpose of reviewing legislation related to veterans, military service members, and their families and advising on how such legislation aligns with the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan. The Commission shall consist of 16 legislators, eight from each house of the General Assembly, all of whom must either (i) be a veteran or military service member or the spouse of a veteran or military service member or (ii) represent a district with a significant military or veteran population relative to the rest of the Commonwealth. The Commission is directed to meet weekly during any regular session of the General Assembly and quarterly in the interim, to review and analyze proposed legislation and budget amendments to ensure alignment with the priorities outlined in the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan, to revise and update the goals and priorities outlined in the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan, and to host an annual Military Appreciation Night.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes **Items Impacted:** 

The Virginia House of Delegates (House) and the Senate of Virginia (Senate) will require **Explanation:** appropriation to pay for member compensation and travel expenses. The Division of

Legislative Services (DLS) indicated there could be an indeterminate impact on their agency.

Fiscal Summary: The fiscal impact of this bill on DLS is indeterminate. The bill provides for the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) to provide legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested. Currently, the Division provides such services to over 35 legislative branch entities during the interim between sessions. There are other pending bills and resolutions that also require DLS to provide such services. If the aggregate number of bills or resolutions pass, the resulting additional staffing responsibilities will necessitate one policy analyst position costing \$85,200, including salary and fringe benefits.

## **General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Senate	\$0	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344
House	\$0	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344	\$21,344
TOTAL	\$0	\$42,688	\$42,688	\$42,688	\$42,688	\$42,688

Fiscal Analysis: The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. It is estimated the member compensation will be approximately \$9,600 for the House and \$9,600 for the Senate. This provides for eight House members and eight Senate members attending four meetings per year, the average number of meetings a commission of this nature usually involves and will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate. The travel expenses are expected to be \$11,744 for

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the House and \$11,744 for the Senate, and will be paid for by the Commission unless it is unfunded, in which case expenses will be paid out of the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate.

Other: Revised to include feedback from DLS.