

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB203                    **Patron:** Reaser  
**Bill Title:** Middle Eastern and North African Advisory Board established.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Middle Eastern and North African Advisory Board in the executive branch for the purpose of advising the Governor on ways to develop economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth and the Middle Eastern and North African community in Virginia. The bill provides for the expiration of the advisory board on June 30, 2029.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes                    **Items Impacted:** 44

**Fiscal Summary:** Preliminary - Funding is needed to provide for the reimbursable expenses incurred by the Board members.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>FY2030</b>	<b>FY2031</b>
Governor's Office	\$0	\$31,668	\$31,668	\$31,668	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$31,668</b>	<b>\$31,668</b>	<b>\$31,668</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** This legislation establishes the Middle Eastern and North African Advisory Board, comprised of 21 nonlegislative citizen members and six ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members are not compensated, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses. Assuming four meetings a year and an average reimbursement of \$377 per meeting for mileage, lodging, and incidentals, the Board is expected to require \$31,668 per year from the general fund to operate.

The bill stipulates that the Office of the Governor shall provide staff support to the Board. This provision is not expected to generate a fiscal impact.

**Other:** The bill stipulates that the nonlegislative citizen members are appointed for a term of four years, however, the bill also contains a sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2029. This fiscal impact statement assumes the Board will only incur expenses for three years.