

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

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Bill Number: HB1192 **Patron:** O'Quinn
Bill Title: Virginia-Ireland Advisory Board established; report.

Bill Summary: Creates the Virginia-Ireland Advisory Board to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to improve economic and cultural links between Virginia and Ireland, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general government. The bill requires the Board to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Items 1 and 6

Explanation: The Virginia House of Delegates (House) and the Senate of Virginia (Senate) will require appropriation to pay for member compensation. The Virginia-Ireland Advisory Board will require appropriation to pay for nonlegislative member compensation, member travel, and staffing.

Fiscal Summary: Preliminary – The fiscal impact of this bill to the Virginia-Ireland Advisory Board (Board) is indeterminate. This bill provides for member compensation and travel, and an executive director for the Board. The General Assembly may also provide appropriation for operating expenses and additional staffing to the Board. It is unknown how many staff the Board may hire and the anticipated salaries.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
House of Delegates	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Senate of Virginia	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Virginia-Ireland Commission	\$0	\$236,880	\$236,880	\$236,880	\$236,880	\$236,880
TOTAL	\$0	\$242,880	\$242,880	\$242,880	\$242,880	\$242,880

Fiscal Analysis: This fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. It is estimated that legislative member compensation will be approximately \$3,600 for the House and \$2,400 for the Senate. This provides for three House members and two 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 bill provides for compensation for five nonlegislative citizen members, estimated to be approximately \$1,000 per year for four meetings, to be paid from appropriations to the Board.

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The travel expenses are expected to be approximately \$7,940 for the nine legislative members attending four meetings per year, and \$7,940 for three nonlegislative members attending four meetings per year, to be paid from existing appropriations to the Board.

The Joint Rules Committee shall appoint an executive director. The current average salary of Legislative executive directors is \$160,000 with total compensation, including fringes, around \$220,000. Any staffing and administrative services required of the Division of Legislative Services can be absorbed with current resources.

Other: None.