

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB636S1

Patron: Ebbin

Bill Title: Department of General Services; removal of Confederate monuments and memorials.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of General Services to remove all Confederate monuments and memorials from Capitol Square. The bill directs the Department to store such monuments and memorials until such time as the General Assembly determines their final disposition.

The substitute bill stipulates that the Department shall coordinate with the Department of Historic Resources and review the most appropriate options for the final disposition of the monuments. The Department is to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Joint Committee on Rules for review and approval no later than October 15, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 71, Item 374

Explanation: To adhere to the requirements of the legislation, the Department of General Services (DGS) will require additional funding to support the removal of all Confederate monuments and memorials from Capitol Square. The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) also needs general fund appropriation to hire a wage employee to meet the timeline of the workgroup this legislation.

Fiscal Summary: In FY 2027, the Department of General Services (DGS) will require \$2 million general fund appropriation to remove the monuments, make landscape/hardscape improvements (potential redesign of the location/ repair the area where monuments once stood), fund soft costs (architectural design fees, permitting and plan reviews, supervision, shipping and logistics), purchase storage containers, and store the statues after removal.

Description	FY 2027 One-Time Estimated Costs
Removal of 3 Confederate Monuments	\$1,172,808
Landscape Improvements	\$250,000
Soft Costs	\$355,702
Storage Containers	\$200,490
Storage Fees	\$21,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$2,000,000

In FY 2028 and going forward, the agency will require \$21,000 of general fund appropriation annually to cover storage fees until such time as the General Assembly determines and directs the final disposition of the monuments and memorials, as instructed by the legislation.

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The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) anticipates needing additional general fund appropriation to complete the mandates within the timeline given. The agency indicates an incremental need of approximately \$14,000 to hire a wage employee to facilitate the compilation of information, coordination with other states and entities, and drafting of a report by October.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
DGS	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
DHR	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$2,014,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000

Fiscal Analysis: DGS indicates the estimated costs are based on a review of the actual costs incurred for the removal of the Harry F. Byrd, Sr. Statue, including annual escalation costs.

Assumptions for the incremental cost needed to accommodate a wage employee at DHR are informed by a prorated annual cost of a total of \$41,580 for salary and benefits.

Other: None.