

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

of the Senate. The bill provides for compensation for three nonlegislative citizen members, estimated to be approximately \$750 per year for five meetings, to be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission.

The travel expenses are expected to be approximately \$14,292 for the nine legislative members attending five meetings per year, and \$5,955 for three nonlegislative members attending five meetings per year, to be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission.

The Commission may appoint an executive director and staff. It is unknown how many staff the Commission may hire and the anticipated salaries. The current average salary of Legislative executive directors is \$160,000 with total compensation, including fringes, around \$220,000. Staffing compensation depends on the position with pay ranging from \$56,000 for a coordinator and up to \$180,000 for a deputy director. On average, the salary and fringes is approximately \$140,000. For estimation purposes, the high range in the table above is for one director and two staff members at average salaries and fringes.

If the Commission hires staff and no appropriation is provided for the Commission, the Commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates upon the approval of the Joint Rules Committee.

Other: Similar to HB231.