

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

which case expenses will be paid out of the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate.

This bill provides for compensation for eight nonlegislative members appointed by the Governor. If the Commission is funded, it is estimated compensation for eight citizen members will be \$1,600 per year, and travel expenses are estimated to be \$12,704 per year. If the Commission is unfunded, it is expected the office of the Governor will pay for travel and compensation, requesting reimbursement from the Clerk of the House, or as approved by the Joint Rules Committee.

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 \$89,000 including salary and fringe benefits.

This bill contains an emergency enactment clause. As commissions of this nature typically meet four times per year, it is estimated that one meeting will be in fiscal year 2026.

Other: Identical to SB447.