

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB389

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Pekarsky

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Autism Advisory Council; reestablished.

5. **Summary:** Reestablishes the Autism Advisory Council, which expired July 1, 2022. The bill also increases from eight to 25 the number of Council members, establishes eligibility criteria for nonlegislative citizen members, and provides that no recommendation of the Council shall be adopted if a majority of the legislative members appointed to the Council vote against the recommendation and for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the Council. The law prior to expiration of the Council provided that no Council recommendation could be adopted if a majority of the House members or Senate members voted against the recommendation and for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the Council.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 1 and Item 67

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

Item 1:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$0	0	GF
2025	\$12,090	0	GF
2026	\$12,090	0	GF
2027	\$12,090	0	GF
2028	\$12,090	0	GF
2029	\$12,090	0	GF
2030	\$12,090	0	GF

Item 67:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$0	0	GF
2025	\$9,000	0	GF

2026	\$9,000	0	GF
2027	\$9,000	0	GF
2028	\$9,000	0	GF
2029	\$9,000	0	GF
2030	\$9,000	0	GF

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. It is estimated the member compensation will be approximately \$6,000 for the House and \$3,000 for the Senate. This provides for four House members and two Senate members attending five meetings per year, and will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate. The travel expenses are expected to be \$2,058 for the House and \$1,032 for the Senate, because \$6,330 was previously provided in Item 1 for the Autism Advisory Council. These expenses will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate. Compensation and travel expenses for the 12 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor will be approximately \$9,000, and shall be paid by the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office. If unfunded, the commission will be funded from the operating budgets of the House for the four House members and six nonlegislative members, and of the Senate for the two Senate members and six nonlegislative members, once approved by the Joint Rules Committee.

The Division of Legislative Services provides legal, research, policy analysis, and other services to over 25 commissions, joint subcommittees, and work groups during the interim. In addition to this bill, there are other bills and resolutions that have been introduced providing for DLS staffing. Increasing the aggregate staffing obligations of DLS will create a fiscal impact related to the need to hire an additional permanent or temporary staff person.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Division of Legislative Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Education, Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None