

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1195

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Wendy W. Gooditis

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Commission on Social Media; report.

5. Summary: Establishes the 20-member Commission on Social Media in the legislative branch to study and make recommendations on the impacts and harms to citizens caused by social media platforms hosting or amplifying content that includes threats or suggestions of physical violence or danger towards citizens, institutions, groups, associations, or physical structures of the Commonwealth by studying the impact of dangerous and violent rhetoric, threats, harassment, doxing, intimidation, misinformation, disinformation, defamation, and deceptive practices and the impact of certain practices by social media companies such as algorithmic amplification and targeted advertising on citizens. The bill requires the Commission to report annually to the General Assembly on its activities. The bill provides that the Commission will sunset on July 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, see Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$36,000	0	General Fund
2024	\$36,000	0	General Fund
2025	\$36,000	0	General Fund

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 \$3,600 for the Senate. This provides for five House members and three 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 travel expenses are expected to be \$10,080 for legislative members and \$15,120 for nonlegislative members, paid from appropriations to the Commission or, if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee and paid by the House for the five House members and twelve nonlegislative members, and paid by the Senate for the three Senate members. Compensation for nonlegislative citizen members will be approximately \$1,200 paid from appropriations to the Commission if funded. If meetings will be virtual travel expenses will not be applicable.

There is no fiscal impact on the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) regarding staff for this entity because the support required can be absorbed with current staffing. There are, however, other bills that provide for DLS to provide staffing. If the aggregate number of bills providing for staffing by DLS pass, it is possible that there will be a fiscal impact related to the need for an additional staff person.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The House of Delegates, The Senate of Virginia; The Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments:

Date: 1/26/2022