

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1276-ER

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

2. Patron: Cox

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center; funding of project.

5. Summary: Prioritizes \$34.0 million in Virginia Public Building Authority Bonds authorized in Item C-39.40 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2014, Special Session I, for the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project. Upon certifications from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services to the State Treasurer and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget that a federal grant or grants have been awarded for the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall allocate in bond proceeds up to the amounts provided above, and the same shall be appropriated, to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services so that the project or projects may proceed without further action by the Commonwealth, in accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 59.50 and 38 C.F.R. § 59.70(b). The bill also authorizes \$63.0 million in nongeneral fund authority for federal grant funds to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services for the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project. The bill limits the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project to a 230-bed facility.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center is on a waiting list for federal grant funds from the U.S. Veterans Administration. The legislation prioritizes \$34.0 million from state bond proceeds for the state share of the projected cost of this facility. The bill also authorizes \$63.0 million in federal appropriation for the facility.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Veterans Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to SB675.