

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2008

Page 1, line 4, after the first semicolon insert "to provide for a study;"

Page 1, line 4, replace "a report" with "reports"

Page 1, remove lines 15 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,197,284	\$132,783	\$9,330,067
Operating expenses	1,829,826	(71,000)	1,758,826
Capital assets	10,000	15,000	25,000
Grants	20,000	0	20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	6,000,000	0	6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	0	900,000
Railroad safety program	564,668	24,350	589,018
Specialized legal services	<u>94,000</u>	<u>336,000</u>	<u>430,000</u>
Total all funds	\$18,615,778	\$437,133	\$19,052,911
Less estimated income	<u>11,985,016</u>	<u>523,460</u>	<u>12,508,476</u>
Total general fund	\$6,630,762	(\$86,327)	\$6,544,435
Full-time equivalent positions	45.00	(2.00)	43.00"

Page 2, line 29, replace "fourteen" with "thirteen"

Page 2, line 30, remove the overstrike over "six"

Page 2, line 30, remove "one"

Page 2, line 30, remove "fifty-four"

Page 3, line 5, remove the overstrike over "~~(Effective July 1, 2015,~~"

Page 3, line 6, remove the overstrike over "~~through June 30,~~"

Page 3, line 6, after "~~2019)~~" insert "2021)"

Page 3, line 10, replace "six hundred fifty-five" with "five hundred nine"

Page 3, line 14, remove the overstrike over "~~Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds.~~
~~(Effective after June 30,~~"

Page 3, line 14, after "~~2019)~~" insert "2021)"

Page 3, line 14, remove the overstrike over "All taxes,"

Page 3, remove the overstrike over lines 15 through 17

Page 3, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 6. RAILROAD INSPECTION STUDY. During the 2019-20 interim, the public service commission shall study technology available to create efficiencies to reduce costs for railroad equipment and track inspections. The commission shall report its findings and any related budget recommendations to the appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$9,197,284	\$10,063,825	(\$733,758)	\$9,330,067
Operating expenses	1,829,826	1,883,826	(125,000)	1,758,826
Capital assets	10,000	25,000		25,000
Grants	20,000	20,000		20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	6,000,000	6,000,000		6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000		900,000
Railroad safety program	564,668	589,310	(292)	589,018
Specialized legal services	94,000	430,000		430,000
Total all funds	\$18,615,778	\$19,911,961	(\$859,050)	\$19,052,911
Less estimated income	11,985,016	12,514,674	(6,198)	12,508,476
General fund	\$6,630,762	\$7,397,287	(\$852,852)	\$6,544,435
FTE	45.00	46.00	(3.00)	43.00

Department 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary Increases ¹	Transfers Grain Warehouse Inspection Program to the Agriculture Commissioner ²	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$5,259)	(\$728,499)	(\$733,758)
Operating expenses		(125,000)	(125,000)
Capital assets			
Grants			
Abandoned mined lands contractual			
Rail rate complaint case			
Railroad safety program	(292)		(292)
Specialized legal services			
Total all funds	(\$5,551)	(\$853,499)	(\$859,050)
Less estimated income	(6,198)	0	(6,198)
General fund	\$647	(\$853,499)	(\$852,852)
FTE	0.00	(3.00)	(3.00)

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide for employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and an increase of 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The Senate provided funding for salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020.

² Transfers the grain warehouse license and inspection program to the Agriculture Commissioner as follows:

	Salaries and Wages	Operating Expenses	Total General Fund
Removes 3 FTE grain warehouse inspectors	\$563,006	\$120,000	\$683,006
Removes funding for an accounting budget specialist	165,493	5,000	170,493
Total removed	\$728,499	\$125,000	\$853,499

This amendment also:

- Provides the statutory changes to increase the Public Service Commissioners' salaries. The Public Service Commissioners' annual salaries would increase from the current level of \$108,656 to \$110,829, effective July 1, 2019, and to \$113,600, effective July 1, 2020, to reflect the 2 percent and 2.5 percent salary increases. The Senate proposed salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020.
- Amends Section 57-43.2-19 relating to the distribution of funds in the highway tax distribution fund to provide for the allocation to the rail safety fund to continue until June 30, 2021, and to increase the allocation amount from \$285,000 per year to \$294,509 per year. The Senate removed the expiration date and provided

- an increase to \$294,655 per year.
- Requires the Public Service Commission to study, during the 2019-20 interim, technology available to create efficiencies to reduce costs for railroad equipment and track inspections. The commission shall report its findings and related budget recommendations to the 67th Legislative Assembly.