

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB38

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

2. Patron Newman

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); electronic communication meetings

5. Summary/Purpose:

Extend the exemption of certain public bodies from the FOIA's electronic communication meeting restrictions from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2004. The exempted entities are (i) any public body (a) in the legislative branch of state government or (b) responsible to or under the supervision, direction, or control of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade or the Secretary of Technology or (ii) the State Board for Community Colleges. The bill also extends from April 15, 2001, to April 15, 2003, the filing date for submitting a report detailing their experience with meetings held under this pilot program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation will extend the time that affected parties are exempt from filing requirements to comply with certain provisions of the Freedom of Information Act relating to electronic communications. No changes in expenditures are anticipated.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Secretariat of Commerce and Trade, Secretariat of Technology, and the State Board for Community Colleges.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Technology
Secretary of Commerce and Trade