

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB176S1

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

2. Patron Committee substitute
(Patrons prior to substitute: Wampler and Obenshain (SB 334))

3. Committee Finance

4. Title Public Library Internet Protection Fund; established; purposes.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill establishes the Public Library Internet Protection Fund. Through this fund, the Board of the Library of Virginia would provide grants to reimburse public libraries and library systems for the initial purchase and subsequent renewal of technology protection measures for computers that have access to the Internet.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 236.

8. Fiscal implications: Under other proposed legislation (HB 570 / SB 334S1) local public libraries and the Library of Virginia would have to purchase and install Internet filtering or blocking software on their public-access computers. SB 176 proposes to reimburse libraries for these expenses. The cost of the software is estimated at \$50 per copy initially, and \$35 per copy for upgrades in each of the two succeeding years. It is anticipated that new software will be required every fourth year to keep up with changes in technology. The estimated total costs are \$198,500 in 2005-06, \$138,950 in each of the next two years, and a repeat of this pattern beginning every fourth year, based on 3,970 public access computers throughout the state. For those library systems with more than one branch, the purchase of new hardware to assist with deployment of this software should be budgeted at \$2,500 per library system. Sixty-five of the library systems have branches, and the estimated additional costs for these systems is \$162,500. Thus, the total estimated costs are \$361,000 in the first year, \$138,950 in the second and third years, \$198,500 in the fourth year, and \$138,950 in the fifth and sixth years.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Library of Virginia, the Library Board and all localities with public libraries.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education