

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1021

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

2. Patron: Hugo

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **State employee telecommuting goal.**

5. Summary: Establishes a goal for state agencies to have 20 percent of their eligible workforce telecommuting by January 1, 2010.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill sets a goal of having 20 percent of eligible state employees telecommuting by January 1, 2010. Attaining that goal may result in an additional cost to many state agencies. The amount depends upon the extent to which state agencies would provide employees with computer equipment and associated line access for off-site work locations. Also, an increase in the number of employees telecommuting could increase the need for the agency purchase additional equipment, line connections, and software licenses to allow remote connection. Any telecommuting arrangement will also be subject to the information technology security standards of the Commonwealth as established by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency which is also a potential factor in the methods used for telecommuting and thus, the associated costs.

The Department of State Police from the telecommuting requirements of the bill, therefore, there will be no impact to that agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State agencies, excluding the Department of State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

11. Other Comments: N/A

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