

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB965

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

**2. Patron:** Lohr

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:**        **Office of the Attorney General; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs; powers and duties re**

**5. Summary:** The bill transfers to the Office of the Attorney General the responsibility currently assigned to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) for the receiving, investigating and resolving consumer complaints involving violations of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act and related laws. VDACS will continue to provide counseling services related to other consumer issues and complaints.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 60 and Item 87.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill transfers to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) the responsibility currently assigned to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) for the receiving, investigating and resolving consumer complaints involving violations of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act and related laws. VDACS will transfer eight positions to the OAG. These positions include one investigator, three dispute resolution specialists, and four telephone counselors. VDACS would still act as the collecting agency.

This transfer would include \$489,669 in nongeneral funds from VDACS to the OAG. The revenue will be collected as nongeneral funds and transferred to the OAG as such. This transfer would also include \$41,012 in general fund appropriation from VDACS to the OAG.

There may be some costs to the OAG in terms of implementing a new phone and processing system. However, at this time, the cost of this system is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Office of the Attorney General

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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