

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB431

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

2. **Patron:** Herring

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** State Government Spending Accountability Act.

5. **Summary:** This bill requires the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to include in their current online budget database, Commonwealth Data Point, a register of all funds expended and information regarding the vender name, date of payment, amount, and a description of the type of expense, and, to the extent that the information exists, include credit card purchases with the same information. The bill also has enactment clauses that (i) require the APA to conduct a best practices review of comparable searchable databases used by other states, and (ii) require the Governor, Secretary of Technology, and Chief Information Officer to take all steps necessary to provide a hyperlinked icon on every state agency and institution's website to the searchable database.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill directs the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to provide additional information on their current online budget database, the Commonwealth Data Point system. Specifically, this bill instructs the APA to provide (i) a register of all funds expended, showing vender name, date of payment, amount, and a description of the type of expense, including also credit card purchases with the same information to the extent that the information exists.

According to the APA, most of the information required by this bill is already provided in the Commonwealth's Data Point website, a system that currently tracks expenditure, revenue, and other demographical information. As such, the APA states that this bill is not anticipated to result in significant additional costs to the agency; any additional costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

In addition, this bill requires the Governor, Secretary of Technology, and the Chief Information Officer to take all steps necessary to provide a link on each state agency or institution's website to that agency or institution's budget information on the APA's Data Point system. It is not anticipated that will have measurable costs to the state.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Auditor of Public Accounts, the Governor's Office, Secretary of Technology, Chief Information Officer.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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