

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1599

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

**2. Patron:** BaCote

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Enterprise zone grant applications.

**5. Summary:** Exempts certain qualified business firms making application with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for a job creation grant through the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program from the requirement for an independent attestation of information included in the application. Business firms with base employment of 100 or fewer permanent full-time positions and that create in a qualification year 25 or fewer grant eligible positions will be exempt from the requirement that they seek an attestation from a CPA on the accuracy and validity of the full-time positions, wage rates, and provision of health benefits for that qualification year; however, the information will be subject to verification by DHCD.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill removes the requirement that certain applicants for a job creation grant receive an attestation from a CPA of the accuracy and validity of the full-time positions, wage rates, provision of health benefits, or other information in the application prior to its submittal to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The bill does state that the information supplied by the applicant is subject to verification by the department.

As a result of the exemption in the bill, DHCD may be required to perform additional action to ensure compliance. However, it is anticipated that any costs associated with this can be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

**11. Other Comments:** SB1348 also modifies the requirement that the accuracy and validity of information on qualified real property investments, permanent full-time positions, wage rates, and provision of health benefits provided in enterprise zone applications be attested to by an independent certified public accountant licensed in Virginia.

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