

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1823

<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:** Villanueva

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Public procurement; posting by local public bodies of procurement opportunities.

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill requires local public bodies to post required procurement notices on the Department of General Services' (DGS) central electronic procurement website and makes newspaper publication or posting on other appropriate websites optional. Currently, only state public bodies are required to post procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website. The substitute bill provides, however, that local public bodies will post such notices if the amount is expected to exceed \$100,000, that such a posting may be on the local public body's website provided they furnish the website link to DGS, and that DGS will post the furnished link on its central electronic procurement website. The substitute bill also requires the Department of General Services to (a) provide an electronic data file of the using agency's business opportunities at no charge to any requesting newspaper or other print publication with circulation in Virginia using the comma-separated values (CSV) format and (b) send the data file automatically via electronic mail on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis as agreed to by the parties. The substitute bill specifies the information to be included in the data file.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** While any costs to the Commonwealth are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations, the substitute bill is preliminarily projected to present savings to local and state public bodies.

The Department of General Services (DGS) is seen as the only state agency with potential costs presented by the bill and expects that any work required will be routine programming that the agency already performs to maintain agency systems to be responsive to customers.

Posting on the DGS website and making newspaper posting optional is projected to save both local and state public bodies approximately \$650,000 to \$700,000 per year. DGS will not

charge public bodies to post on DGS' central electronic website. Also, there is no cost associated to vendors to access the publicly posted notices on DGS' central electronic website. Finally, no charges are anticipated to newspaper companies or other print publications related to the provision of advertisement information via electronic data file.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All public bodies, the Department of General Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The substitute bill is very similar to House Bill 2170.

**Date:** 2/12/13