

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

1. Bill Number: HB2026

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

2. Patron: Dudenhefer, L

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; permits remote participation in a meeting by a member of a public body due to a personal matter

5. Summary: The bill allows a member of a public body to participate in a meeting through electronic communication from a remote location that is not open to the public due to personal matters. Such participation by the member would be limited each calendar year to two meetings or 25 percent of the meetings of the public body, whichever is fewer. Currently, such remote participation is allowed for emergencies, with the same limit of two meetings or 25 percent of the meetings of the public body, whichever is fewer, per calendar year. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state and local agencies except for the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia State Crime Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/19/13