

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1334

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

2. Patron: Norment, T

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; records exemption for the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council.

5. Summary: Exempts from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act records of the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council, to the extent such records are prepared for and utilized by the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council in the training of state prosecutors or law-enforcement personnel, where such records are not otherwise available to the public and the release of such records would reveal confidential strategies, methods or procedures to be employed in law-enforcement activities, or materials created for the investigation and prosecution of a criminal case.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council receives approximately 100 FOIA requests per annum. The Council estimates: 1) that it takes approximate 30 minutes to handle each request, and 2) that the bill, if passed, will reduce annual FOIA requests to approximately 20. Thus, the bill is estimated to save approximately 40 hours of staff time per year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/4/13