

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1221

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Leftwich, J.A.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: State Lottery Department; election to withhold disclosure of personal identifying information of prize winners.

5. Summary: Provides for a lottery prize winner to elect to withhold from public disclosure his name and other personal identifying information, except that the prize amount and the hometown of the prize winner shall continue to be disclosed as provided in current law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact is indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, as it is unknown how withholding prize winners' names or other information will affect lottery revenue. According to the Virginia Lottery, people may be less likely to purchase Lottery products if only prize amounts and the hometown of prize winners are disclosed. Currently, the Lottery only discloses the name, hometown, and prize amount of winners unless the winner desires to disclose additional information. If winners' names are no longer disclosed, players and residents would be required to take the Lottery's word that the proper prize was awarded to the proper person. According to the Lottery, if players and residents cannot see for themselves that lottery prizes are awarded in a fair manner and that "real people" win, they may be much less likely to play and more likely to question the Lottery's integrity. If this were to occur, the Lottery would likely experience decreased sales and profits.

Lottery proceeds support K-12 public education in the Commonwealth. A decrease in Lottery profits would reduce funding available for educational programs supported by Lottery funds unless the funding was supplanted with general fund dollars.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Lottery Department; Direct Aid to Public Education; Department of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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