

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2378

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cline, Benjamin L.

3. Committee: Committee on General Laws

4. Title: Governor; operational and programmatic review by the General Assembly of state agencies.

5. Summary: Requires reviews of all state agencies in the executive branch by committees of the General Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction in order to achieve savings in expenditures, identify duplication of effort, and establish programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government. The bill further requires that the Governor direct each Secretary to require state agencies within his Secretariat to provide copies of documents on or before October 1, 2015, that disclose the following information to the committees of the General Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction and to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance:

1. Any grants awarded by the agency and the amount thereof;
2. Any contracts awarded by the agency and the cost thereof;
3. The current agency budget;
4. Any agency mission statement;
5. The total number of full-time and part-time employees at the agency;
6. All sources of state or federal funding received by the agency over the immediately preceding five years and the amount thereof; and
7. The current cash balance of the agency.

When each committee with subject matter jurisdiction receives these documents, the bill further requires that the committee convene a meeting with each respective agency head in order to raise and receive answers to questions concerning the provided information.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications:

This bill requires that state agencies gather documents and submit information to committees of the General Assembly and that committees of the General Assembly review the documents and meet with state agency heads to achieve operational efficiencies. Although the majority of the documents required are readily available, the impact of this bill is indeterminate because some level of effort will be required to gather and report the

information. The bill does not identify how the documents are to be supplied to the committees, which could result in significant amounts of printed documents supplied to the committees for their review. The impacted committees would need to examine the documentation to identify potential savings in expenditures, duplication of effort, and to establish programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The General Assembly, the Governor's Office, all Secretariats, and all executive branch agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.