

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1362

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

2. Patron: Gilbert

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Lobbyist reporting, the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, and the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; annual filing of required disclosures; separate report of gifts; food and beverages; definition of gift.

5. Summary: The House's substitute bill requires the disclosure forms filed by persons subject to the conflict of interests acts to be filed annually. The minimum value for gifts to be reported is lowered to \$20. Technical changes are made for gift exclusions related to food and beverage and gifts related to travel. The House substitute bill requires that the name of a legislative or executive official, or a member of his immediate family, attending a reportable entertainment event be excluded by the principal if that legislative or executive official reimburses the principal for, or otherwise pays for, his attendance, or the attendance of a member of his immediate family, at the entertainment event. Persons subject to the conflict of interests acts are required to file on or before January 15. The bill contains technical amendments to reflect the change in filing cycles. The bill also requires the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, members of the Governor's Cabinet, and members of the General Assembly to file on or before May 1 a separate report of gifts received during the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill requires legislators to file disclosures and reports of gifts with the Clerk of the legislative body he/she represents. The bill limits ethics and conflicts of interests orientation sessions to two hours or less.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Division of Legislative Services states that any costs resulting from this bill can be absorbed by existing appropriations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia lobbyists; the Governor's Cabinet; members of the General Assembly; the Division of Legislative Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.