

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB336

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

2. Patron: Pogge

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public access to library records of minors.

5. Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public access to library records of minors. Protects from mandatory disclosure library records that can be used to identify any library patron under the age of 18 years. The bill provides that access shall not be denied to the parent, including a noncustodial parent, or guardian of such person, unless the parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access. For records of persons under the age of 18 years who are emancipated, the right of access may be asserted by the subject thereof. Any parent or emancipated person under the age of 18 years who is the subject of the record may waive, in writing, the protections afforded by the bill. If the protections are so waived, the public body shall open such records for inspection and copying.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Library of Virginia, local libraries

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None