

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB818

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon, J.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); designation of FOIA officer; posting of FOIA rights.

5. Summary: Requires all local public bodies and state executive branch public bodies, that are subject to FOIA, to designate and publicly identify one or more FOIA officers whose responsibility is to serve as a point of contact for members of the public in requesting public records and to oversee the public body's compliance with the provisions of FOIA. The bill sets out where contact information for the designated FOIA officer is to be posted. The bill also requires that any such FOIA officer shall possess specific knowledge of the provisions of this chapter and be trained at least annually by legal counsel for the public body or the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. Additionally, the bill requires certain local public bodies to post a FOIA rights and responsibilities document on its respective public government website.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All local public bodies and state executive branch public bodies that are subject to FOIA.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/28/16