

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2143ER

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

2. Patron: James M. LeMunyon

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); training approved by the Virginia Freedom of Information Council.

5. Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); training approved by the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. Provides that the Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) may provide FOIA training through an online course. The bill establishes that any such training shall document that the training required by the subsection has been fulfilled. The bill requires: the name and contact information of a FOIA officer trained by legal counsel of a public body shall be (i) submitted to the Council by July 1 of each year on a form developed by the Council for that purpose and (ii) updated in a timely manner in the event of any changes to such information; and that the Council shall maintain on its website a listing of all FOIA officers, including name, contact information, and the name of the public body such FOIA officers serve.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill as currently written has a minimal impact on the Council, which can be absorbed using current appropriations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments:

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