

**Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB2223

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

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings.

5. Summary: The bill requires that every public body afford an opportunity for public comment during any open meeting and requires that the public comment periods be noticed on the public body's agenda. The bill permits the public body to have discretion in where it places the public comment period on its agenda and permits the public body to adopt reasonable rules governing the public comment portion of the meeting, including imposing reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner. The bill requires that for meetings of all public bodies, not just those state public bodies on which there is at least one member appointed by the Governor as in current law, the notice provided for any such meeting include a statement as to approximately at what point during the meeting public comment will be received.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is not expected to present a fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Any public body holding an open meeting.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.