

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

**1. Bill Number:** SB916

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

**2. Patron:** Edwards, J.

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Virginia Register Act; guidance documents; duty to file with the Registrar.

**5. Summary:** Consolidates provisions relating to the availability of guidance documents in a single section in the Virginia Register Act. In addition, the bill requires agencies that do not have regulatory authority to annually file a list of any guidance documents upon which such agencies currently rely with the Virginia Registrar of Regulations for publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations. Under current law, the requirement for filing guidance documents applies only to agencies with regulatory authority. Also the bill eliminates the definition of guidance document. The bill is a recommendation of the Administrative Law Advisory Committee.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Filing a list of guidance documents would require some staff time, but would not necessitate new staff.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state agencies that do not have regulatory authority.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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