

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB916-S1

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: General Laws

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 with the Virginia Registrar of Regulations for publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations a list of any guidance documents upon which such agencies currently rely. The bill is a recommendation of the Administrative Law Advisory Committee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: 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: State agencies that do not have regulatory authority.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The substitute expands the definition of “agency” to mean any authority, instrumentality, officer, board, or other unit of the government of the Commonwealth other than the General Assembly, courts, municipal corporations, counties, other local or regional governmental authorities including sanitary or other districts and joint state-federal, interstate or intermunicipal authorities, the Virginia Resources Authority, the Virginia Code Commission with respect to minor changes made under the provisions of § 30-150, and educational institutions operated by the Commonwealth with respect to regulations that pertain to (i) their academic affairs; (ii) the selection, tenure, promotion, and disciplining of faculty and employees; (iii) the selection of students; and (iv) rules of conduct and disciplining of students. The introduced bill defined “agency” as any authority, instrumentality, officer, board, or other unit of the government of the Commonwealth.