

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1966

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

2. Patron: Yancey

3. Committee: Passed the House.

4. Title: Uniform Statewide Building Code; issuance of building permits.

5. Summary: Requires local building departments, when denying an application for the issuance of a building permit, to provide to the applicant a written explanation detailing the reasons for which the application was denied. The bill provides that the applicant may submit a revised application addressing the reasons for which the application was previously denied and that, if the applicant does so, the local building department shall be encouraged, but not required, to limit its review of the revised application to only those portions of the application that were previously deemed inadequate and that the applicant has revised.

As passed by the House, the bill specifies that any fees levied pursuant to § 36-105, Code of Virginia, shall be used only to support the functions of the local building department.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill may reduce state revenues collected to administer the Department of Housing and Community Development's Jack Proctor Code Academy. Pursuant to § 36-137, Code of Virginia, the department is authorized to levy a fee of up to two percent of the permit fees levied by localities pursuant to § 36-105, Code of Virginia. In FY 2018, approximately \$2.0 million was transferred to DHCD from localities and deposited into a nongeneral fund account to conduct the training academy. The Jack Proctor Code Academy is responsible for the training, certification, and continuing education for approximately 6,000 jurisdictional officials.

As passed by the House, the bill specifies that any fees levied pursuant to § 36-105, Code of Virginia, shall be used only to support the functions of the local building department. It is unclear if the bill will prevent the authorized two percent levy to be transferred to support the Jack Proctor Code Academy. If the intention of the bill is to retain all fees levied by localities within the localities, DHCD will require additional resources to administer the program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.