

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2118

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

**2. Patron:** Mullin

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Department of Forensic Science accrediting bodies.

**5. Summary:** Removes a forensic laboratory accrediting body named specifically in the Code of Virginia that is no longer in existence (the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board). The bill also requires that any independent laboratory whose services are used by the Department of Forensic Science (DFS), or an arresting officer for the testing of evidence samples, be accredited by a body that requires conformance to forensic-specific requirements and that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement with a scope of accreditation that covers the testing being performed.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) as a result of this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Forensic Science

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.