

State Corporation Commission 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2691

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

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Electric utilities; provision of broadband services.

5. Summary: Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish pilot programs under which Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power are required to submit a proposal to provide or make available broadband services to unserved areas of the Commonwealth. The costs of Dominion Power's proposal are capped at \$60 million annually. The provision of such broadband services is declared to be in the public interest. The measure authorizes the utilities to recover the net costs of the pilot program from customers through a rate adjustment clause. The measure authorizes such utility to become licensed to provide broadband services in an unserved area of the Commonwealth or lease telecommunications equipment to other providers of broadband services in an unserved area of the Commonwealth. The measure also gives any public service company providing broadband services in an unserved area of the Commonwealth discretion as to whether to permit any pole attachment in connection with the provision of broadband services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: This bill could require the procurement of an external consultant. However, the scope and costs of the work cannot be determined at this time.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill could require the procurement of an external consultant. However, the scope and costs of the work cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None