

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1509

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: McQuinn

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund.

5. Summary: Creates the Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill establishes a new fund and grant program referred to as the Virginia Food Access Investment Program. To capitalize the fund and make it operational, a budget amendment will be required.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to administer this program. VDACS shall select and work in collaboration with a community development financial institution that provides credit and financial services for underserved communities (CDFI) to assist in administering the program. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the moneys in the Fund may be designated for the CDFI's administrative and operations costs to assist in administering and managing the program; the bill does not authorize VDACS to charge administrative costs.

The scope of the program is unknown as a source of funding has not been identified; however, VDACS estimates that to administer this new program in conjunction with staff assistance from the CDFI, at least one position will be required at an annual cost of \$111,805, including benefits and operating expenses.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB1073 is the companion to this bill.