

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1073

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input 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: McClellan

3. Committee: Passed the Senate.

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.

As amended and passed by the Senate, the bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish an Equitable Food Oriented Development stakeholder work group to develop recommendations for design elements for the Virginia Food Access Investment Program. The bill includes an enactment clause stating that the provisions of the bill shall not become effective unless an appropriation is provided for such purposes by the 2020 General Assembly.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to capitalize the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund established in the bill. 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: HB1509 is similar to this bill.