

Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Special Session 1 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1311

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

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Water quality standards; modification of permits and certifications.

5. Summary: Requires that applicants for a federal license or permit for a natural gas transmission pipeline greater than 36 inches inside diameter submit a separate application including a detailed erosion and sediment control plan and stormwater management plan in accordance with applicable regulations and subject to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) review, modification, or approval. Requires that DEQ includes such plans in draft certifications, and prohibits the State Water Control Board from waiving certifications of natural gas transmission pipelines greater than 36 inches inside diameter under § 401 of the federal Clean Water Act. The bill requires that DEQ denies certification if the agency does not approve, within a reasonable time, erosion and sediment control and stormwater management plans that provide reasonable assurance that the pipeline project will comply with state water quality standards.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on DEQ.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality;
State Water Control Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.