

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB441

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:** Bennett-Parker

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Assistance for certain voters outside of the polling place; definition of.

**5. Summary:** Amends the definition of “person with a disability” for purposes of the Elections title to mean any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his major life activities or who has a record of such impairment. The bill provides that any qualified voter who is a person with a disability shall be eligible for assistance outside of the polling place and makes technical amendments for consistency. The bill requires the training required for all officers of election to include specific training on voting outside of a polling place and directs the Department of Elections to incorporate into guidance documents for election officials the processes and procedures for voting outside of the polling place, including best practices for providing assistance for voters with disabilities.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; no state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact. As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as routine and does not require additional funding.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar HB43, HB1222, and SB605.

January 22, 2024