

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB587

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Lingamfelter

3. **Committee** General Laws

4. **Title** Freedom of Information Act; posting of minutes by public bodies.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

The introduced bill requires all boards, commissions, councils, and other public bodies created in the executive branch of state government and subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to post minutes of their meetings on the global information system known as the Internet within three working days of the conclusion of the meeting.

The bill as engrossed by the House creates a new responsibility for the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) to develop an Internet-based information system to ensure that citizens have access to meeting minutes and information pertaining to the development of regulatory policies.

The engrossed bill continues the requirement in the introduced bill that public bodies in the executive branch shall post minutes of their meetings on the Internet. The engrossed bill adds new provisions as described below, related to promulgation of regulations.

The engrossed bill authorizes, but does not require, executive branch public bodies that promulgate regulations to post minutes of their meetings on a website administered by DPB. It authorizes, but does not require, executive branch public bodies that do not promulgate regulations to post minutes on an electronic calendar administered by the Virginia Information Providers Network (VIPNet). Draft minutes shall be posted no later than ten working days after the conclusion of the meeting. Final approved minutes shall be posted within three days of final approval of the minutes.

6. **Fiscal impact:** None

7. **Budget amendment necessary:**
No.

8. **Fiscal implications:**

The Department of Planning and Budget and the Virginia Information Providers Network have indicated that there would be no fiscal impact associated with making meeting minutes available to the public through their respective websites. The infrastructure for posting this information is already in place through the public electronic calendar system that are maintained by both organizations.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

All public bodies created in the executive branch, Department of Planning and Budget, Virginia Information Providers Network.

10. Technical amendment necessary:

None.

11. Other comments:

Affects boards of visitors of institutions of higher education, Board of Health, Board of Corrections, boards of cultural institutions (Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Jamestown Yorktown Foundation) among others. -

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