

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 201

House of Origin Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Appropriation act and budget bills; searchable electronic copies

5. Summary: HB 201 requires the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to maintain on its website an electronic copy of the current appropriation act and any amendments thereto, and an electronic copy of any budget bill submitted for a new biennium, and all amendments thereto. The electronic copies shall be completely and easily searchable by the citizens of the Commonwealth using a commercial search engine.

Most of the electronic documents required by this bill are currently available on the website referred to as the "Legislative Information System," which is maintained by the Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS). That site is available at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Not known, see Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications:

Auditor of Public Accounts - Impact

If the APA is allowed by the bill to link the LIS to the APA website, there will be no cost to the APA. However, if the APA is required by the legislation to duplicate a portion of the system established and maintained by DLAS, there will be a significant cost. The cost of developing the Legislative Information System is not known at this time.

Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) - Impact

Line 100 of the bill requires the APA website to include a listing of the Governor's amendments proposed to the general appropriation act adopted in the preceding even-number year session. The list of amendments is not on the LIS; instead, DPB publishes the list in the Governor's budget document issued by December 20 of each year. If the APA can accept the list in the format produced by DPB, there is no cost to DPB. However, if DPB needs to significantly modify the content of the amendments there is an indeterminate cost to DPB.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Auditor of Public Accounts
Department of Planning and Budget

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Auditor of Public Accounts
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