

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2092

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Pollard

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Budget process of the Commonwealth.

5. Summary: Changes the Commonwealth's budget from a biennial budget to a budget covering a single fiscal year beginning with the budget for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. The bill also provides that if a general appropriation act is not passed by the General Assembly within the first 60 days of a regular session, then General Assembly members would no longer receive a per diem or other payment for expenses subsequent to such 60 days in a regular or special session of the General Assembly, until such time as the General Assembly passes a general appropriation act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, Virginia annually undergoes a two-year budgeting process by developing the biennial budget for the even year sessions and by offering amendments to that budget at the odd year general assembly sessions. Changing to an annual budget will change work flow and budget processes which could impact many state agencies. For example, the standards of quality are currently re-based every two years and decisions will need to be made regarding whether that should be changed to an annual cycle or if a different process is desired. The change to an annual budget would likely necessitate programming changes by the Department of Planning and Budget and Division of Legislative Services.

Although the legislation clearly stipulates that if the General Assembly exceeds the 60 days of a regular session, then General Assembly members would no longer receive a per diem until an Appropriation Act is passed, additional personnel and other staff related expenses could be incurred if an annual budget process results in longer sessions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Planning and Budget and Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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