

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1023

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: **Real ID; alternative verification system.**

5. Summary: This bill requires the Department of Health's Office of Vital Records, along with the Department of Motor Vehicles and other appropriate state and local agencies, to develop and implement a plan to provide Virginia resident verification, as an alternative to the requirements of the federal Real ID Act of 2005. The measure specifies that Virginia shall not comply with the unfunded mandates of the Real ID Act.

6. Fiscal impact estimates: Indeterminate. See Item #8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 441.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would eliminate some expenditures, but would create others. It is impossible to specify what the net effect would be on expenditures or on revenue.

This bill would mandate noncompliance with the federal Real ID Act. Since the budget of the Department of Motor Vehicles currently includes an appropriation for \$5.2 million for compliance with Real ID, this bill would require a budget amendment removing that appropriation.

The bill would also require the Office of Vital Records of the Virginia Department of Health, in cooperation with the Department of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies, to create and implement "a plan to provide Virginia resident verification, as an alternative to the requirements of the federal Real ID Act."

The Real ID Act is a federal program to be implemented nationwide. Its purpose is to provide a secure identification for air travel and access to federal buildings. A Virginia Resident card would not be accepted for either purpose. The Office of Vital Records does not track residence information for Virginia residents; it instead is the agency of record for major life events (births, deaths, marriages, and divorces).

Since the nature of the plan is not specified, it is impossible to estimate the cost of creating it, or to say whether it would generate any revenue.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Office of Vital Records, Virginia Department of Health; Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: No.

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