

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1115

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Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Ticer

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Virginia Land Conservation Fund; public access parkland

5. Summary: The bill adds “public access parkland” to the uses for which money from the Virginia Land Conservation Fund must be spent in those years when the fund contains more than \$10 million. The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, which administers the fund, will award grants for public access parkland based on a number of factors, including the availability of alternative public parks in the planning districts where the property is located and the number of people in an immediate geographical area that will have access to the property rather than the size of the property.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill does not have a fiscal impact. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Code of Virginia directs that when the fund contains \$10 million then the funds are divided equally among five grant uses: natural area protection; open spaces; farmland preservation; forestland conservation; and historic area preservation. Adding a sixth category of public access parkland will decrease the distribution among the other categories. The balance in the fund at the end of FY 2008 was approximately \$7.6 million.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources