

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1005

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Watkins

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Department of Transportation; duties and responsibilities.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation amends numerous Code sections relating to the administration of the Department of Transportation (VDOT). The bill changes the official title of the VDOT Commissioner from the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to the Commissioner of Highways. The bill also eliminates the requirement that the Commissioner employ an assistant commissioner for the environment, transportation planning, and regulatory affairs.

The bill authorizes the Commissioner to transfer, abandon, or discontinue roads in the primary and secondary systems of state highways or move roads from one such system to another under certain conditions. Currently, approval is required by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for any such actions. The bill also eliminates the requirement that the CTB must declare excess right-of-way as surplus before VDOT may sell the land. The bill authorizes the Commissioner to convey such property when it is no longer necessary.

The bill also amends the Code to consolidate two separate reports on privatization activities and infrastructure maintenance to allow VDOT to submit one comprehensive report focusing on VDOT operations and services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of the bill would streamline some processes of the Department of Transportation. Any savings generated by the provisions of the bill would be retained in the Transportation Trust Fund and directed towards other transportation priorities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** Similar to HB 1825.

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