

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB310-H1

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

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: First informer broadcaster.

5. Summary: Provides that state and local governmental agencies shall grant first informer broadcasters with proper identification cards access to their broadcasting station or cable television system within any area declared a state emergency area by the Governor for the purpose of providing news, public service, and public safety information and repairing or resupplying their facility or equipment. A “first informer” is defined as critical radio, television, or cable television personnel of a radio or broadcast station or cable television system engaged in the process of broadcasting or cablecasting, the maintenance or repair of related equipment, or the transportation of fuel for generators of broadcast stations or cable systems. First informer identification cards shall be issued by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters or the Virginia Cable Television Association.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the substitute bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Emergency Management, various state agencies and local governmental agencies statewide.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Consideration should be given to replacing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security with the Secretary of Public Safety as the secretariat that should receive the list of first informers (see lines 25-26).

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