

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB439

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; applicability to Virginia citizens.

5. Summary: The bill expands the protections of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act to Virginia citizens and makes Virginia citizens eligible for an award from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund, provided they meet the requirements of the Act. .

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: FINAL.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill's fiscal impact is indeterminate. The bill authorizes citizens of the Commonwealth the opportunity to be eligible for a reward from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Fund, thus expanding this program in a way that create an unpredictable increase in the investigations workload of the Office of the State Inspector General. On the other side of the coin, the expansion of the program may result in an increase in recoveries, and thus result in potential increases in revenue to the agency since the agency receives 15 percent of the total funds recovered.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the State Inspector General.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.