

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB439

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

**2. Patron:** LeMunyon

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**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:** Indeterminate.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill creates a potential for fiscal impact to the Office of the State Inspector General. Specifically, the bill authorizes citizens the opportunity to be eligible for a reward from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Fund. Expanding this program to the citizens of the Commonwealth would result in a probable and unpredictable increase in the investigations workload. 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.

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