

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB739

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: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; inclusion of deputy sheriffs; discriminatory and retaliatory action prohibited; remedies.

5. Summary: Clarifies that deputy sheriffs employed by city or county sheriff's offices are included under the term "employees" under the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. The bill also provides that a whistle blower may bring a civil action for violation of discriminatory and retaliatory action provisions of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. If the court finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, it shall impose on the officer, employee, or member in his individual capacity a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500. The bill also establishes a three-year statute of limitations and authorizes the court to order other appropriate remedies.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the State Inspector General foresees no fiscal impact from this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.