

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB161

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

**2. Patron:** Favola

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

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters.

**5. Summary:** The bill removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members in the event that an emergency or personal matter prevents his attendance in person at the meeting.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill's changes are policy in nature and present no fiscal impact to state government operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Any local governing body, school board, or any local authority, board, or commission.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The bill is similar to House Bill 193 and identical to House Bill 789.

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