

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1641-H1

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Values Veterans Program; certification by state agencies.

5. Summary: Requires the Governor to ensure that every agency, institution, board, bureau, commission, council, or instrumentality of state government in the executive branch is certified by the Department of Veterans Services as part of its Virginia Values Veterans Program. The bill provides that departments and institutions may request a certification waiver if it can be demonstrated that the certification is in conflict with the organization's operating directives or an alternate program is in place.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Veterans Services, the number of state agencies and institutions to be certified will be approximately 100. Training and certifying these agencies/institutions will require additional staffing and resources. The Governor's introduced budget provided \$474,000 in general fund and \$100,000 in nongeneral fund (Item 461). If the funding is removed from the introduced budget, the agency will need additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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