

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2104

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: Peace

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act

5. Summary: The proposed legislation provides that the record and open meeting exemptions for Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health System Authority shall also apply when the records are in the possession of VCU or the discussion of certain matters occur at a meeting of the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact: Preliminary. See Line 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Code of Virginia protects certain proprietary documents of the VCU Health System Authority. This exemption has been in place for several years. The language does not, however, clarify that such records may be similarly exempted when in the possession of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Given the administrative ties between the two entities within the university, documents are necessarily transferred and, therefore, it is important that similar protections be extended across the enterprise. A similar rationale applies to meetings of the VCU Board of Visitors where such documents or matters are discussed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: House Bill 2104 conflicts with House Bill 1722 and Senate Bill 893.