

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2378

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

2. Patron: Cline, Benjamin L.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Governor; operational and programmatic review by the General Assembly of state agencies.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires that the Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology establish a work group to provide access to information and data pertaining to the operation of state agencies within the subject matter jurisdiction of each standing committee on or before November 1, 2015, that includes making available the following data and information to the public, the Chairmen of each standing committee of the General Assembly or their designees, and a designated staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance:

1. Any agency mission statement;
2. The current agency budget;
3. The total number of full-time and part-time employees at the agency;
4. The current cash balance of the agency;
5. All sources of state or federal funding received by the agency, preferably over the immediately preceding five years, and the amount thereof;
6. Any grant awarded by the agency and the amount thereof; and
7. Any contracts in excess of \$10,000 awarded by the agency and the cost thereof.

The following significant changes were made from the introduced bill to the substitute bill:

- The introduced bill required that documents be provided and the substitute bill requires data and information in an electronic fashion;
- If the data and information are not available in an electronic format, the work group is to prepare written documentation on alternative approaches and costs to modify systems so that data may be supplied and then accessed electronically.
- The introduced bill required agencies to report documents directly to the General Assembly; the substitute bill requires that the Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology form a workgroup to provide the data and information;
- The substitute bill extends the due date for the information to be provided from October 1, 2015, in the introduced bill to November 1, 2015;
- The substitute bill requires that the data and information also be provided to the public.
- The introduced bill required that the documentation include any contracts awarded by the agency and the cost of the contracts; however, the substitute bill requires only those in excess of \$10,000.

- The introduced bill also required that the committee convene a meeting with each respective agency head in order to raise and receive answers to questions concerning the provided information; this was removed in the substitute bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications:

This bill requires that a work group established by the Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology provide access to data and information pertaining to the operation of state agencies to the public, the Chairmen of each standing committee of the General Assembly or their designees, and a designated staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

Although the majority of the data and information required are readily available through the Commonwealth Data Point at <http://datapoint.apa.virginia.gov/>, the impact of this bill is indeterminate because some level of effort will be required to gather and provide access to the information. When electronic access to data and information is not feasible, the work group is to provide a hard copy of the information and to prepare written documentation on alternative approaches and costs to modify systems so that the data may be accessed electronically. This could result in significant amounts of printed documents supplied to the committees.

The Virginia Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) website on Strategic Planning provides a link to Virginia Performs which provides the mission statement, budget, and agency staffing information for each state agency. All adjustments to the budget can be viewed by going to the DPB website and clicking on Virginia's Budget, Budget Execution, and then "See all adjustments to Virginia's budget for this fiscal year." Operating plans for all state agencies can be accessed through DPB's website by clicking on Virginia's Budget, Budget Execution, and then "Operation Plan for All State Agencies." Budget data can also be found on the Commonwealth Data Point.

In Virginia, accounts are maintained and reported on the basis of when cash is received and paid out; the Virginia Department of Accounts (DOA) reports cash activity in the state accounts throughout the year as Cash-Basis Reports including monthly reports on the cash position of the Commonwealth as reconciled to the Department of the Treasury and other selected General Fund and Non-General Fund cash based financial information.¹ The DOA also provides an Annual Report on the DOA website under Accounting and Reporting; it is comprised of budgetary (cash) basis financial statements that present the financial condition, results of operations, and changes in fund balance of the Commonwealth's General Fund.

¹ Virginia Department of Accounts website,
http://www.doa.virginia.gov/Financial_Reporting/Financial_Reporting_Main.cfm

State and federal funding received by agencies is available through the Commonwealth Data Point by clicking on State Revenue.

There is currently no comprehensive, centralized list of grants or contracts awarded by state agencies so gathering this information would require the work of all state agencies that award grants and contracts to supply the necessary information.

The Commonwealth Data Point provides a link to an eVA report that contains a report of State Purchases by Agency for the past five years including the current fiscal year to date. The public can drill into this report by commodity code and can then drill further into that data to view the purchase order details.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology; the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget; the Virginia Department of Accounts; the General Assembly; and all executive branch agencies.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

- 11. Other Comments:** None.