

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB969

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: Ruff

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); exception to open meeting requirements.

5. Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); exception to open meeting requirements. Clarifies that the gathering or attendance of two or more members of a public body (i) at any place or function where no part of the purpose of such gathering or attendance is the discussion or transaction of any public business, and such gathering or attendance was not called or prearranged with any purpose of discussing or transacting any business of the public body, or (ii) at a public forum, candidate appearance, or debate, the purpose of which is to inform the electorate and not to transact public business or to hold discussions relating to the transaction of public business, even though the performance of the members individually or collectively in the conduct of public business may be a topic of discussion or debate at such public meeting, is not a meeting under FOIA. The bill contains a technical amendment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None expected.

8. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Boards, commissions, public agencies subject to Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

9. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes.