

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB255

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: Surovell

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Department of Transportation to study toll relief

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a survey of other states' toll relief programs and evaluate potential methods of toll relief for citizens of the Commonwealth. The Department shall submit a report of its findings no later than the first day of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the survey and evaluation of potential methods of toll relief for the citizens of the Commonwealth could cost \$750,000 or more to elicit consultant, financial and legal support. This estimate assumes the following tasks:

- A. Survey and research the policies of similar existing plans in other states;
- B. Conduct meetings and have discussions with Virginia toll facilities not under VDOT's control regarding the possible implementation of toll-reduction strategies and addressing likely impacts;
- C. Evaluate and determine necessary changes to existing contract terms, including support for strategies on re-negotiation of agreements and addressing likely impacts; and,
- D. Create the report with relief approaches and associated financial impacts.

Any expenses incurred for this study would have to be redirected from other operational priorities within VDOT's budget.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: As Virginia does not charge a fee for transponders, consideration might be given to removing the feasibility of waiving transponder fees for in-state residents as one of the survey and study requirements in this legislation.

11. Other Comments: VDOT is not certain it can complete this study in time for the first day of the 2017 General Assembly Session.