

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2108H1

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: Byron

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Virginia Broadband Deployment Act.

5. Summary: Provides that a locality or its affiliate is not exempt from the Freedom of Information Act in its planning or provision of broadband services. Public records of operations, broadband services system, or provision of broadband services are not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act except those portions showing both an individual customer's name and address. No public body may hold a closed meeting where the subject of such meeting would be proposed or actual provision of broadband services by a locality or its affiliate. Selling or deposing of all or any material part of the infrastructure shall be by a public sale or auction. In calculating rates charged by a locality for any broadband service, the rates are to include all taxes, fees, and other assessments that would be applicable to those paid by a private provider of the same service. The locality or its affiliate shall conduct an annual audit.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposal is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Localities statewide (counties, cities and towns).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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