

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2143

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: James M. LeMunyon

3. Committee: General Laws: Subcommittee #2

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); training by third parties.

5. Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); training by third parties approved by the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. Provides that the Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) may approve third-party instructors to conduct training seminars and educational programs for the members and staff of public bodies and other interested persons on the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to a course curriculum and course materials developed and approved by the Council. The bill provides that such training by third-party instructors approved by the Council shall satisfy the annual training requirement for FOIA officers. The bill requires such third-party instructors, as well as the course curriculum and course materials, to be evaluated for approval by the Council annually.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The cost of this bill is dependent on how many third-party FOIA training instructors the Council chooses to approve. The required annual evaluation process of any approved third-party instructors could result in additional Council meetings or the consumption of staff resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments:

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