

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2402

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

**2. Patron:** Morris

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; willful violations; grounds for termination.

**5. Summary:** The bill provides that if the court finds that any officer or employee of a public body (i) receives a request for records that was sent by a requester by certified mail, return receipt requested, and (ii) without legal excuse or justification, deliberately, willfully, and knowingly fails to make a response to such request, such officer or employee may be terminated for cause by his appointing authority or agency head.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill is not expected to present a fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Any public body.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.