

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB949

<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:** Wexton

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Virginia Public Procurement Act; Internet access service contracting; limitations.

**5. Summary:** Limits public procurement of Internet access services to service providers that meet certain requirements related to Internet neutrality and privacy.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – no state fiscal impact. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** No state fiscal impact is expected. This bill prohibits Virginia public bodies from awarding a contract for Internet access services to any Internet access service provider that blocks user access to and use of Internet content or devices, impairs or degrades Internet traffic based on content or devices, engages in the optimization of data transfer rates for edge providers in exchange for payment, and similar activities. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency reports it is not aware of any impact on existing state agency contracts for Internet access services.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All Virginia public bodies

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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