

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1101E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Bill R. DeSteph, Jr.

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Office of the Attorney General; representation of members of the General Assembly for violations.

5. Summary: Allows the Office of the Attorney General to represent a member of the General Assembly in any civil matter alleging that such member in his official capacity violated the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, see Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
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| 2019 | | | |
| 2020 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |
| 2021 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |
| 2022 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |
| 2023 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |
| 2024 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |
| 2025 | 439,401 | 3 | GF |

8. Fiscal Implications: The engrossed version of the bill includes a clause that “the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2019 by the General Assembly that becomes law.” This bill will have a fiscal impact for the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG). The OAG indicates that this bill will require the addition of 1 senior attorney, 1 junior attorney, and 1 paralegal staff, costing \$439,401 per year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Attorney General and Department of Law

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: