

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1341

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: Stuart

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Handheld personal communications devices, use while driving.

5. Summary: Prohibits any person while driving a moving motor vehicle from holding a handheld personnel communications device. The bill expands exemptions to include handheld personal communications devices that are used as an amateur radio or a citizens band radio or for official Department of Transportation or traffic incident management services, while removing the exemption for the use of factory-installed or aftermarket global positioning systems (GPS) or wireless communications devices used to transmit or receive data as part of a digital dispatch system. The bill requires the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and DRIVE SMART Virginia to create training and educational materials on the implementation and enforcement of this act to be made available to law-enforcement agencies and requires the groups to develop and provide educational materials to the public regarding the provisions of this act prior to its effective date. Lastly, the bill requires that the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice shall annually request the Office of the Executive Secretary to report all of the citations issued pursuant to the provisions of this act and, to the extent available, the relevant demographic characteristics of those persons issued a citation. The bill includes an enactment clause to become effective on January 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Implementation of this bill's provisions could result in more individuals being fined for improper use of handheld personal communication devices. All such fines are deposited in the state's Literary Fund. At this time, it is not feasible to determine the revenue that would be deposited to the Literary Fund as a result of the provisions of this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB1811