

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB429

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

2. **Patron:** Scott

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Free use of toll facilities; teachers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes any teacher employed by a public school district, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel to use all toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, and toll roads in the Commonwealth without the payment of toll while traveling between his place of residence and his place of employment.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would allow any teacher employed by a public school district, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel to use all toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, and toll roads in the Commonwealth without the payment of toll while traveling between his place of residence and his place of employment. This would likely result in decreased toll revenue for toll facilities in the Commonwealth. Decreased toll revenue could negatively impact the ability for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to address maintenance of toll-supported facilities or make toll-support debt service payments. However, the number of individuals covered by this legislation which currently utilize toll facilities during travel to and from their place of employment is unknown; as a result, the amount of the potential reduction in revenues is indeterminate.

The Department, through the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), is anticipated to incur costs associated with the administration of toll passes for eligible individuals and monitoring or verifying the use of such passes in compliance with this legislation. However, the amount of these additional costs is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation; Commonwealth Transportation Board

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.