

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB941

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

2. Patron: Webert

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: VDOT; electronic speed indicator signs; U.S. Route 17.

5. Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Highways to place at least six permanent electronic speed indicator signs on U.S. Route 17 near particular intersections in Fauquier County.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 448. A language amendment would be needed to address the requirements of the bill's second enactment.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to erect and maintain at least six permanent electronic speed indicator signs along portions of U.S. Route 17 in Fauquier County. It is estimated that each sign would cost VDOT approximately \$7,500; the total cost for six signs would be approximately \$45,000. The Department would have to redirect existing resources dedicated to other priorities to address the cost of this legislation.

The bill's second enactment requires VDOT to pay for the proposed signs. However, it also allows the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors the option to pay for the electronic speed indicator signs if funds for the signs are not allocated by the General Assembly in the 2020 Appropriation Act. In the event that the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors declines such option, VDOT would be required to erect the signs when funds are available to do so.

The Department relies on revenues generated for highway maintenance operations, which are fully appropriated in the 2020 Budget Bill (HB30/SB30). The requirement to pay for any specific signage would have to be covered within the Department's estimated revenues; an increase in appropriation would not be needed. Therefore, if the General Assembly desired to require VDOT to pay for the signs, a language amendment would be needed to make a specific allocation for the provision of the proposed signs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation; Fauquier County

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB557.