

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: HB 957**

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

**2. Patron: Ayala**

**3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending**

**4. Title: Virginia Cyber Initiative Act.**

**5. Summary:** Directs the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to work with public and private institutions of higher education, state agencies, and businesses in the Commonwealth to develop a cyber-alliance, to be known as the Virginia Cyber Initiative, to reduce cyber risks and encourage economic development in the cybersecurity field. The bill also creates the Virginia Cyber Initiative Fund for the purposes of improving cybersecurity and the economy of the Commonwealth through (i) improving cyber infrastructure, (ii) increasing the focus on cyber job-creating research activities, and (iii) expanding cyber job-creating research activities toward producing more knowledge-based and high-technology cyber jobs in the Commonwealth.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020			
2021	\$480,000	2	ISF
2022	\$380,000	2	ISF
2023	\$380,000	2	ISF
2024	\$380,000	2	ISF
2025	\$380,000	2	ISF
2026	\$380,000	2	ISF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to create a cyber-alliance called the Virginia Cyber Initiative. The bill establishes a fund for the Initiative but the fund relies on the Initiative to create the funding stream to go into the fund. It would likely take a minimum of two years to establish some recurring funding, possibly longer depending on the interest and support. According to VITA, this initiative would require two additional authorized positions, estimated at \$150,000 each, to perform the required duties. They also estimate initial one-time costs of \$100,000 due to the quick implementation timeline of this alliance. They estimate the annual conference, required by this language, to be approximately \$80,000 for a group of 250 people.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Information Technologies Agency, all state agencies and higher education institutions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None