

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB153

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Richard H. Stuart

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; cost estimates; response time.

5. Summary: Provides that if a requester asks for a cost estimate in advance of a Virginia Freedom of Information Act request, the time to respond is tolled for the amount of time that elapses between notice of the cost estimate and the response from the requester, and that if the public body receives no response from the requester within 30 days of sending the cost estimate, the request shall be deemed to be withdrawn. The bill clarifies that if a cost estimate exceeds \$200 and the public body requires an advance deposit, the public body may require the requester to pay the advance deposit before the public body is required to process the request. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill presents no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.