

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB556

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

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Speeding fines; exceeding speed limit on U.S. Route 15 and U.S. Route 17 in Fauquier County.

5. Summary: Adds a \$15 penalty, in addition to all other penalties, for driving in excess of the posted speed limit on U.S. Route 15 and U.S. Route 17 in Fauquier County when such additional penalty is indicated by appropriately placed signs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Implementation of this bill will result in individuals being subject to larger fines. All fines are deposited into the state's Literary Fund. At this time, it is not feasible to estimate the likely increase in revenue that could be deposited into the Literary Fund as a result of this bill.

In order for a court to enforce increased fines, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) or Fauquier County would need to post signs indicating the higher fines along Route 15 and Route 17 where speed limit signs are presently installed. An undivided high-speed arterial requires 30" x 36" speed limit signs and a 24" x 18" "Fines Increased" plaque, or 10.5 square foot total sign area at a cost of \$950 per sign. The Warrenton Bypass, a freeway, requires 48" x 60" speed limit signs and 48" x 36" plaques, or 21 square foot total sign area at a cost of \$2,260 per sign.

Based on the inventory data of speed limit signs, 98 smaller signs and 8 larger signs would need to be replaced. The total estimated cost of these 106 new signs is \$111,180. If Fauquier County does not install the signs at its own expense, these costs would have to be covered by VDOT redirecting existing resources from other priorities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Supreme Court of Virginia, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of State Police, local law enforcement, Fauquier County

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None