

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB985

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: DeSteph

3. Committee: Judiciary

4. Title: Unconstitutional laws; attorney fees and costs.

5. Summary: Provides that in any litigation in which the constitutionality of a law of the Commonwealth is at issue and in which the court find that the law is unconstitutional, the Commonwealth shall reimburse the aggrieved party for attorney fees and costs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. The Department of the Treasury, through the Division of Risk Management, administers various risk management plans and programs that protect Virginia's state government, political subdivisions, some non-profit organizations, and certain individuals serving in the public interest from financial loss. While the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate and would depend on the number, length and outcomes of court cases in the future, it is likely to have a significant financial impact on the state.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of the Treasury

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None