

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1198H1

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

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; license plate readers.

5. Summary: Provides that the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (the Secretary) must establish a stakeholder work group to review the use of license plate readers as used by law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. The bill lists requirements of the work group in conducting such review, including identifying and analyzing what information is gathered from license plate readers and how the data is used. It requires the work group to develop recommendations about the length of time law enforcement agencies may retain this information, and any other recommendations about proper usage or retention of the data and information. The bill requires the members of the work group to be appointed by the Secretary in consultation with the Speaker of the House, the Chairman of the House Committee on Public Safety, the President of the Senate, and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. It requires the work group be composed of representatives of the Virginia State Police, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, the Virginia State Crime Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union or other civil liberties union, a social justice organization, the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a data privacy expert, and other stakeholders as the Secretary deems appropriate. The Secretary is required to report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder work group to the House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary by December 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (SPSHS), the office could incur travel expenses related to this bill, however, that fiscal impact is expected to be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Offices, Commonwealth's Attorneys.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.