

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1878

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Williams Graves

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: FOIA; exclusions to application of chapter, local administrative investigations, disclosure.

5. Summary: Clarifies that personal contact information, to include a home or business (i) address, (ii) email address, or (iii) telephone number or comparable number assigned to any other electronic communication device, when furnished in confidence to a local governing body with respect to complainants in local investigations, is exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The bill expands the applicability of the exemption to zoning enforcement complaints to all such complaints, not just individual enforcement complaints. The bill also provides that information in completed investigations shall be disclosed in a form that does not reveal the identity of the complainants or persons supplying information to investigators.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies and other public bodies covered by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None