

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2171

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Williams

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Religious freedom; applicability of certain executive orders.

5. Summary: This bill amends § 57-2.02 (Religious freedom preserved; definitions; applicability; construction; remedies) by providing that no rule, regulation, or order issued by the Governor or other governmental entity pursuant to the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law (§ 44-146.13et seq.) applies to the exercise of religion in a church, synagogue, or other place of worship.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the provisions of this bill are not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Emergency Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None