

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2171 S1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Williams

3. Committee: Judiciary

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

5. Summary: This bill amends § 44-146.17 (Powers and duties of Governor) by providing that no rule, regulation, or order issued by the Governor or other governmental entity pursuant to the affected chapter may impose restrictions on the operation of a place of worship that are more restrictive than the restrictions imposed on any other business, organization, or activity.

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