

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1351

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings; local and regional public bodies.

5. Summary: Allows, with certain exceptions, local and regional public bodies to convene as many all-virtual public meetings as each such public body deems acceptable in its individual remote participation meeting policy, to be adopted at least once annually by recorded vote at a public meeting. Current law limits all-virtual public meetings to no more than two times per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, and prohibits any such meeting from being held consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

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

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All public bodies under the Freedom of Information Act.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Companion to HB2050