

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB934

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hashmi

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** State agencies; telecommuting policy.

**5. Summary:** Increases the target for eligible state employee participation in telecommuting from 20 percent to 45 percent by January 1, 2024.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact is indeterminate but projected to be minimal. According to the Department of Human Resource Management, many agencies have replaced their desktop computers and landlines with laptop computers, VPN access, and state cell phones prior to and during the initial waves of COVID-19. Teleconferencing, video conferencing, and webinar tools and platforms have become accessible to agencies in the years since the original legislation was passed in 2001. Maintenance, service, and replacement costs for this equipment and software are now incorporated within an agency's operating budget. Those agencies that have not converted equipment should be able to absorb any additional related costs within their current operating budget by January 1, 2024.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state agencies, except the Department of State Police.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.