

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB959

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Nutrient credit calculations outside the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

5. Summary: Establishes that nutrient credits generated through stream restoration projects that are certified by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and located in tributaries outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed shall be calculated using a delivery factor that is deemed by the Director to be based on the best available scientific and technical information appropriate.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on DEQ as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality; State Water Control Board; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.