

Department of Planning and Budget

2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1040

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bennett-Parker

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of 'caregiver;' remote participation in meetings.

5. Summary: Provides that for purposes of determining whether a quorum is physically assembled, an individual member of a public body who is a person with a disability or a caregiver, defined in the bill, and uses remote participation counts toward the quorum as if the individual was physically present. The bill also provides that the participation policy adopted by a public body, as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, shall not prohibit or restrict any individual member of a public body who is participating in an all-virtual meeting or who is using remote participation from voting on matters before the public body. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

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

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Companion to SB85