

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB818

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

**2. Patron:** Cherry

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of meeting.

**5. Summary:** Amends the definition of "meeting" as it relates to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to clarify that a gathering of two or more members of a public body is not a meeting if there is no discussion or transaction of any public business, defined in the bill, by the members of the public body and that certain educational trainings are not meetings subject to FOIA. The bill is in response to the decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia in *Gloss v. Wheeler* (2023) and 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 public bodies subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Similar to SB36