

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

**1. Bill Number:** SB85-ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Favola

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

**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:** Final, see Item 8.

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

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state public bodies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Companion to HB1040