

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB307

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Nicholas J. Freitas

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:**    Virginia Freedom of Information Act; estimated charges.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a public body subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act shall make all reasonable efforts to supply records requested by a citizen at the lowest possible cost. The bill also requires that prior to conducting a search for records, a public body shall notify the requester in writing that the public body may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for requested records and inquire of the requester whether he would like to request a cost estimate in advance of the supplying of the requested records. The public body shall provide the requester with a cost estimate if requested. Any costs incurred by the public body in estimating the cost of supplying the requested records shall be applied toward the overall charges to be paid by the requester for the supplying of such requested records.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Impact.

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

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state agencies and other public bodies covered by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

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

**11. Other Comments:**

Date: 2/14/2022