

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

**1. Bill Number:** SB215

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

**2. Patron:** Perry

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

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; removal of Virginia residency requirement for access.

**5. Summary:** Removes the requirement that persons to whom non-ongoing criminal investigation files shall otherwise be disclosed be citizens of the Commonwealth. Current law limits disclosure of public records to individuals who are citizens of the Commonwealth unless a clear exception applies.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. The provisions of this bill have the potential to increase the number of FOIA requests that state law enforcement agencies may receive, however the amount of requests and administrative work these requests would create is indeterminate at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All public bodies involved with criminal investigations.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None