

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1931

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

2. Patron: Levine

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings.

5. Summary: Authorizes a public body to conduct through electronic communication means a meeting for which, on or before the day of the meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance. The bill also clarifies that participation in an electronic meeting by a member of a public body due to the inability to attend because of a personal matter is limited each calendar year to two such meetings, which is current law, or 25 percent of the meetings held that calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact is expected to state agencies.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All public bodies or entities with a public record.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None