

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB353ER

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: French

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits; definitions; commercial driver training; drug and alcohol violations.

5. Summary: Conforms the definition of commercial motor vehicle to federal regulations, codifies the entry-level driver training system required by federal regulations, and removes contradictory provisions. The bill also prohibits the issuance or continued validity of commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits after a drug or alcohol violation by the applicant, licensee, or permittee. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB844.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Language amendment to strike Paragraph N of Item 426, which is similar, but not identical, to the language that this bill codifies in the Code of Virginia.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill aligns state law with federal regulations. Failure to implement the federal regulations will jeopardize federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant funding.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.