

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB968

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

**2. Patron:** Shelly A. Simonds

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; disclosure of certain criminal investigative files; violent crimes.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits a public body engaged in law-enforcement activities from disclosing any photographic, audio, video, or physical evidence from a violent crime unless the public body has notified (i) the victim, (ii) members of the victim's immediate family, if the victim is deceased, or (iii) the victim's parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor, of the request of such information. The bill allows such persons to file in an appropriate court a petition for an injunction to prevent release of the records and provides that the period within which the public body shall respond shall be tolled for the amount of time that elapses between the filing of the petition and any resulting disposition by the court.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill is not expected to create a fiscal impact to state agencies. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the proposed bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the operations of the court system.

**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:** Similar to HB734

Date: 1/25/2022