

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB138E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Senate Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Copies of discovery for the accused

5. Summary: The bill amends § 19.2-265.4 (Failure to provide discovery) to establish that for any discovery materials or evidence that the accused is permitted to inspect and review, the accused may request the Commonwealth to copy or photograph such discovery materials or evidence, and the Commonwealth shall provide such copies or photographs, electronically or otherwise, to the accused or his counsel.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on state agencies. However, the bill will likely have a fiscal impact on Commonwealth's Attorneys. According to the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, the fiscal impact would vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction depending on the jurisdiction's capability to deliver sensitive data (data with social security numbers, credit card information, etc.), therefore, the fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth's Attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None