

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Bill Number:** SB876

**Patron:** Ebbin

**Bill Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required.

**Bill Summary:** Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda listing all items expected to be considered by the public body at its meeting. The bill allows for amendments to be made to any such proposed agenda but provides that the public body shall not take any final action on those amended or additional agenda items.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** This may have a fiscal impact on agencies; however the impact is indeterminate and not possible to determine to cost of each agency.

**Fiscal Summary:** This legislation will have an indeterminate fiscal impact. The provisions of this bill could potentially create additional costs to agencies if they must call additional meetings to vote for agenda items that were added after the agenda was posted publicly. Costs to the Commonwealth could vary based on the specific agency and the number of additional meetings that may be held.

The Virginia Department of Transportation has indicated that under the provisions of this bill, if the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) needs to call a special meeting to vote on an agenda item that was amended or added to the agenda after the agenda was publicly posted, the cost to hold the meeting would range from roughly \$3,000 to \$10,000 depending on where the meeting is held. The specific annual cost cannot be determined as the number of potential special meetings needed cannot be predicted at this time. Delaying these votes could present legal, financial, and project schedule costs, but these costs cannot be estimated at this time.

**Fiscal Analysis:** See fiscal summary.

**Other:** Original FIS was amended to include feedback from VDOT.