Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2152 **Patron:** Carr
Bill Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; FOIA officer training.

Bill Summary: Provides that any legal counsel for a public body who is also designated as the public body's FOIA officer shall complete a training session or online course offered or approved by the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 12
Explanation: The Freedom of Information Advisory Council requires additional staffing support to meet the requirements of this legislation.

Fiscal Summary:

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
834		$82,500	$82,500	$82,500	$82,500	$82,500
TOTAL						

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
834		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation adds a requirement for the Council to approve training courses used to train FOIA officers at state agencies. The Council has never approved courses presented by others in the past, so they would need to create an approval structure, including establishing criteria for the approval. They would also need to set up the administrative apparatus to receive, review, and approve the individual courses. These additional duties cannot be absorbed by current Council staff. An additional policy analyst position will be required at a cost of $85,200, including salary and fringe benefits, to support the establishment of the approval criteria and maintain the review and approval process going forward.

Other: None