

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB2415                                      **Patron:** Cousins  
**Bill Title:** Public housing authorities; indigent parties; unlawful detainer.

**Bill Summary:** Exempts indigent defendants from having to post an appeal bond in unlawful detainer actions brought by a public housing authority. The bill also amends certain provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to (i) prohibit any landlord that is a public housing authority from requiring a tenant to pay any fees for the maintenance or repair of a dwelling unit unless such repair is necessitated by the tenant's violation of the provisions of the Act and (ii) require, if a public housing authority issues a notice of nonpayment of rent to a tenant, such public housing authority to provide the tenant certain information printed on brightly colored paper explaining how the tenant may recertify the tenant's income in accordance with federal law and policy.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:**    **No.**                                      **Items Impacted:**    **N/A**

**Explanation:**    This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Courts; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

**Fiscal Summary:** It is anticipated that this bill will result in no state fiscal impact to DHCD. Information from the Courts is not available at this time.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This impact statement is preliminary. The Department of Housing and Community Development anticipates no fiscal impact as a result of this bill. Any impact to the Courts as a result of this bill is unknown at this time.

**Other:** None.