State Corporation Commission 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1192 Patron: Deeds

Bill Title: Electric utilities; generation of electricity from renewable and zero carbon sources; projects

on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools.

Bill Summary: Provides that for purposes of compliance with a renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program, to the extent that low-income qualifying projects, as defined in existing law, are not available and projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools are available, a certain percentage of the required projects shall be composed of projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 476 (NGF 02080)

Explanation: A budget amendment is necessary.

Fiscal Summary:

General Fund Expenditure Impact: None

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
SCC	\$0	\$127,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$127,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000	\$89,000

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
SCC		1 FTE				
TOTAL		1 FTE				

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would place additional work on the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to include manually entering up to approximately 1,500 contracts and tracking the start and end dates of each contract. In addition, Commission Staff would need to validate the accuracy of the information with each entity. The SCC will also need to report this information to the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) administered by PJM Interconnection, LLC. This is an ongoing new process that the SCC would need to perform for contract renewals as well.

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As introduced, the bill would result in an increased workload that will need to be resourced. The estimated costs in Fiscal Year 2026 include the creation of a database to receive the contracts and record the information required to be validated (estimated to be \$29,000). An increase in the Commission's non-general fund appropriation would be needed for any increased costs.

The SCC costs to implement the requirements in this bill will impact its Public Utility Fund (02080). The current rate cap authorization (58.1-2900) as approved by the General Assembly (GA) is not sufficient to generate the revenue needed for the Fund to cover the costs of this bill's requirements. However, bills HB2663 and SB1336 have been introduced in the 2025 GA session to adjust electric consumption rate caps to fund SCC existing expenses and potential new expenses from electric utility SCC oversight legislation passed during the 2025 GA Session. The costs associated with SB1192 can be absorbed from the revenue that would result from the passage of HB2663/SB1336.

Other: The House cognate to this bill is HB1934.