

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB463

**Patron:** Cohen

**Bill Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definitions; meetings; quorum and electronic communication.

**Bill Summary:** Amends the definition of "meeting" for purposes of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act such that any assemblage of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body constitutes a meeting. Under current law, as many as three members or a quorum, if less than three, of the constituent membership of a public body constitutes a meeting. The bill additionally authorizes members of a public body participating through electronic communication in a meeting in which other members are participating in person to count toward the quorum as if the individual were physically present, should such member's physical absence be due to an approved cause of absence.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** The provisions of this bill are not expected to create an additional fiscal impact on state agencies.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The provisions of this bill are not expected to create an additional fiscal impact on state agencies.

**Other:** None.