

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB159

**Patron:** Simon

**Bill Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; proceedings for enforcement; petition for mandamus or injunction.

**Bill Summary:** Specifies that service of process or a summons for a hearing shall not be required when a petition for mandamus or injunction to enforce rights granted under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act has been filed. The bill requires the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to update any district court materials, including any manuals, procedures, guidelines, and bench books, in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

**Other:** None.