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Bill Number: SB84S1

Patron: Williams Graves

Bill Title: Speed safety cameras; placement and operation; violation enforcement; civil penalties; report

Bill Summary: The bill changes the terms "photo speed monitoring device" to "speed safety camera" and "high-risk intersection segment" to "high-risk speed corridor" in provisions related to vehicle speed violations. The bill makes various changes to the requirements for the use of speed safety cameras and extends most of those requirements.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate **Items Impacted:** No

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: The fiscal impact as a result of this proposal is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: The expansion of places where photo speed devices are permitted to use could potentially increase the number of penalties collected on, the exact impact is indeterminate

The proposal provides civil penalties collected under this section resulting from a summons issued by a local law-enforcement officer or retired sworn law-enforcement officer employed by a locality shall be paid to the locality in which such violation occurred for the installation and operation of the speed safety camera program and that any funds in excess of those allocated for such purposes shall be deposited in a local fund used solely for planning, design, and construction projects for traffic safety; speed management; bicycle and pedestrian safety; and local systemic safety initiatives otherwise eligible for funding through the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program. The impact of this change on localities is indeterminate.

This proposal amend provides that civil penalties collected under this section resulting from a summons issued by a law-enforcement officer or retired sworn law-enforcement officer employed by the Department of State Police shall be paid to the Department of State Police to be deposited in a fund used solely for the payment of the agreed-upon compensation and actual program costs incurred by the Department of State Police in placing and operating such speed safety cameras, except that any excess moneys in such fund shall be paid to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to be used for the Virginia Highway Safety Program.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), entities must obtain a VDOT land use permit for any signs or devices placed within VDOT right-of-way. VDOT incurs costs in processing these permit applications and charges fees per permit to offset such costs. Permit fee revenue collected by VDOT and any costs not offset by the fees is indeterminate.

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The legislation would potentially provide additional funding for safety projects through the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP). The bill would authorize the Virginia State Police (VSP) to recover program costs from civil penalties collected and would require excess funds collected to be directed to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for use in VHSIP. Currently, all civil penalties collected under this section resulting from a summons issued by a law-enforcement officer or retired sworn law-enforcement officer employed by the Department of State Police are paid to the Literary Fund. The impact on VHSIP is indeterminate.

Other: None.