

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB431

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: **State Government Spending Accountability Act.**

5. Summary: This bill requires the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to include in their current online budget database, Commonwealth Data Point, a register of all funds expended and information regarding the vender name, date of payment, amount, and a description of the type of expense, and, to the extent that the information exists, include credit card purchases with the same information. In addition, the APA is to provide the official salaries or rates of pay of public employees whose annual rate of pay is greater than \$10,000 and, to the extent possible show this information by class. The bill also has enactment clauses that (i) require the APA to conduct a best practices review of comparable searchable databases used by other states, (ii) require the APA to work with the staff of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council, the Department of Human Resource Management, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, and appropriate human resources offices of independent agencies and institutions of higher education to provide the information required by this bill, and (iii) require the Governor, Secretary of Technology, and Chief Information Officer to take all steps necessary to provide a hyperlinked icon on every state agency and institution's website to the searchable database.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill directs the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to provide additional information on their current online budget database, the Commonwealth Data Point system. Specifically, this bill instructs the APA to provide (i) a register of all funds expended, showing vender name, date of payment, amount, and a description of the type of expense, including also credit card purchases with the same information to the extent that the information exists, and (ii) the official salaries or rates of pay of public employees whose annual rate of pay is great than \$10,000, displayed by class to the extent possible.

According to the APA, most of the information required by this bill is already provided in the Commonwealth's Data Point website, a system that currently tracks expenditure, revenue, and other demographical information. As such, the APA states that this bill is not anticipated to result in significant additional costs to the agency; any additional costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

In addition, this bill requires the Governor, Secretary of Technology, and the Chief Information Officer to take all steps necessary to provide a link on each state agency or institution's website to that agency or institution's budget information on the APA's Data Point system. It is not anticipated that will have measurable costs to the state.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Auditor of Public Accounts, the Department of Human Resource Management; Freedom of Information Advisory Council, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the Governor's Office, Secretary of Technology, Chief Information Officer.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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