

State Mandates Assessment Schedule Released: Counties Encouraged to Comment
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On April 8 the Commission on Local Government notified VACo regarding the schedule of state mandates on local governments that will be subject for fiscal impact review by state agencies during FY 2014. During this annual review, state agencies are required to evaluate the mandate and justify why it should be eliminated, altered or kept. Agencies are also required to conduct outreach to local governments to gather fiscal impact data on the specified mandates.

VACo encourages counties to assist agencies with their requests during this review process and to use the Commission on Local Government's [Locality Fiscal Impact Comments Form](#) to provide input on these mandates. VACo and its membership have consistently opposed unfunded mandates by the Commonwealth and have worked to ensure this agency review process offers a real opportunity to eliminate unfunded mandates.

To learn more about the assessment process and how to participate in this important opportunity for local comment, [click here](#). For further questions on the process contact , [J. David Conmy](#), Senior Policy Analyst, Commission on Local Government (Phone 804-371-8010).

Approved Schedule of Assessment Periods – July 2014 through June 2015
For Executive Agency Assessment of Cataloged Mandates

AGENCY	ASSESSMENT PERIOD
Mandate Short Title	
AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Fertilizer Application to Non-Agricultural Lands; Training and Reporting Requirements	3/1/15 to 5/31/15
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
School Transportation	7/1/14 to 8/31/14
School Performance Report Card	7/1/14 to 8/31/14
Hiring of Teachers, Contracts	9/1/14 to 10/31/14
Virginia Index of Performance Recognition	9/1/14 to 10/31/14
College and Career Preparation Planning and Programs	9/1/14 to 10/31/14
ELECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF	
Compensation of Officers; Volunteer Officers	7/1/14 to 8/31/14
Public Notification Requirements for General Registrars	7/1/14 to 8/31/14
GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	

Standardization of Police Equipment	8/1/14 to 10/31/14
HEALTH, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF	
Medicological Death Investigations	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF	
Supplemental Salary Payments to State Employees by a Locality	10/1/14 to 12/1/14
SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Annual Credit Checks for Children in Foster Care	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
TAXATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Affordable Housing Real Estate Assessments	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
Real Property Tax Assessment of Wetlands	8/1/14 to 10/31/14
Local Consumer Utility Tax Exemption for Certain Electricity Generation Facilities	9/1/14 to 11/30/14
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Removal of Illegal Signs from VDOT Right-of-way	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB)	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
Corridors of Statewide Significance	4/1/15 to 6/30/15
Local Transportation Plan to be Reviewed by VDOT	7/1/14 to 9/30/14
VETERANS SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Real Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans	4/1/15 to 6/30/15