

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1745

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

2. Patron Thomas

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Thermal Imaging Camera Advisory Board and Fund.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposes to amend §9-154 of the Code of Virginia to establish a non-reverting Thermal Imaging Camera Fund (VTIC) to assist local fire departments, other fire services organizations and local governments to purchase thermal imaging cameras. The bill also directs the Fire Services Board to appoint a nine member Thermal Imaging Camera Advisory Panel to assist the Department of Fire Programs in providing grants to these entities to purchase thermal imaging cameras. Panel members will consist of three members each from the following organizations: the State Fire Chief's Association, the Virginia Professional Firefighters Association, and the Virginia Firefighters Association appointed annually if funds are available in the VTIC fund.
6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. See Item 8.
7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item 471.
8. **Fiscal implications:** The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain. The legislation creates a special non-reverting fund and an advisory panel to assist the Department of Fire Programs in providing grants to localities. This agency has not historically received a significant amount of gifts or donations. Therefore, without additional information regarding the level of funding the General Assembly may provide, the agency is unable to accurately estimate the level of interest by localities or estimate the workload resulting from administering the Fund.
9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Localities and Department of Fire Programs.
10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.
11. **Other comments:** This bill is identical to SB1117ER. Furthermore, there is a provision attached to this legislation that stipulates that the legislation will not go into effect unless a general fund appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in the 2001 Appropriation Act, passed during the 2001 Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. No appropriation was provided by either the House or the Senate.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety

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