

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1980

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Virginia Alert Plan.

5. Summary/Purpose: Directs the Department of State Police to develop a statewide alert plan (the Virginia Alert Plan) to rapidly publicize urgent information when the Superintendent of State Police determines that a nearly warning would assist in maintaining the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth, including information that (i) may lead to the recovery of an abducted child and (ii) will inform the public of terrorist acts. The Department shall ensure that the Virginia Alert Plan is a coordinated effort among the Department, local law enforcement agencies, the state's public and commercial television and radio broadcasters, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and any other entities whose participation will assist in the administration of the Virginia Alert Plan.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Department of State Police, the proposed legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the department as Virginia already has a similar plan in place.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of State Police, local law enforcement agencies, the state's public and commercial television and radio broadcasters and Department of Transportation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety
Secretary of Transportation