

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2480

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Drake

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Statewide Building Code; regulations of the Board of Housing and Comm. Dev.

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill authorizes the Board of Housing and Community Development (the Board), upon finding that sufficient allegation exists regarding failures noted in several localities of performance standards by either building materials, methods, or design, to conduct hearings on such allegations if it determines that such alleged failures, if proven, would have an adverse impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. After at least 21 days' written notice, the Board shall convene a hearing to consider such allegations. Such notices shall be given to the known manufacturers of the subject building material and as many other interested parties, industry representatives, and trade groups as can reasonably be identified. Following the hearing, the Board, upon a finding that (i) the current technical or administrative Code provisions allow use of or result in defective or deficient building materials, methods, or designs, and (ii) immediate action is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth, may issue amended regulations establishing interim performance standards and Code provisions for the installation, application, and use of such building materials, methods, or designs in the Commonwealth. Such amended regulations shall become effective upon their publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations and shall be effective for a period of 24 months or until adopted, modified, or repealed by the Board.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary: SEE ITEM 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill would have minimal fiscal impact on the state. It only provides that in certain cases the Board of Housing and Community Development can launch investigations and have hearings. Only in such cases will there be a fiscal impact and any such impact can be handled by current staff at the Department of Housing and Community Development.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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