

Department of Planning and Budget

2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1245

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

2. Patron Edwards

3. Committee Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title Formulation of water resources policies by the State Water Control Board

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would require the State Water Control Board to develop a comprehensive state water supply plan that includes a plan for each of Virginia's major river basins, such information as the projected water need for a 25-year period, demand management and supply alternatives, conservation measures during drought and non-drought periods, and provisions for the protection of groundwater, headwaters, and estuaries. Local governments are to work together to develop regional watershed plans that would be part of the state plan.

6. Fiscal impact: (fiscal impact estimates are final)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$0	0.00	N/A
2003-04	\$1,988,036	18.00	0100(GF)
2004-05	\$2,023,426	18.00	0100(GF)

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$0	N/A	N/A
2003-04	\$0	N/A	N/A
2004-05	\$0	N/A	N/A

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes.

Item 384 Environmental Research and Planning (51300)
 Water Supply Planning (51303)

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Environmental Quality estimates that total costs associated with this bill would be \$2,838,036 in FY2004 and \$2,873,426 in FY2005. These costs include funding for 18 positions as well as \$1.5 million in each year for contractual costs for groundwater drilling and modeling. The agency's FY2004 budget includes an additional \$850,000 to develop a statewide water supply planning initiative and to sponsor groundwater research. If this funding were maintained permanently in the agency's budget, then it would reduce the costs associated with this bill by \$850,000 annually (to \$1,988,036 in FY2004 and \$2,023,426 in FY2005).

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB2401 as introduced.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources