

Department of State Police 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1344

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Saxman

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Interstate Route 81; Superintendent of State Police to establish pilot project to improve highway and law-enforcement.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides for a one-year pilot project, modeled on Augusta County's Project Alliance, directed by a designee of the Superintendent of State Police, to improve highway safety along Interstate Route 81 (I-81). At the end of the year, the results of the project are to be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: PRELIMINARY; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of State Police does not expect a fiscal impact resulting from the proposed legislation. The State Police already have the Interstate Task Force Committee that focuses on I-81 operations. The current Task Force conducts high visibility enforcement initiatives at least once per week to target traffic violators on Interstate 81. Approximately 1,200 traffic summonses are issued each month as a result of this project. Since the programs inception more than 114,000 traffic summonses and arrests have been made on Interstate 81. The existence of this Task Force precludes any fiscal implications that would result through the implementation of a one-year pilot project modeled after Project Alliance.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, public and private entities along the I-81 corridor (e.g., volunteer and professional fire and rescue departments, law-enforcement agencies, schools, institutions of higher education, news media, trucking companies, etc.).

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The Superintendent should be the individual required to report to the General Assembly and the Governor.

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