

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2032

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Miles

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Powers and duties of Department of Emergency Management; Freedom of Information Act.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that the Department of Emergency Management shall be responsible for the coordination, receipt, evaluation, and dissemination of emergency services intelligence and shall coordinate intelligence activities with the Department of State Police. The bill also creates a records exemption under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for contact information, computer information, and operating schedule information submitted by an individual or agency for participation in the Statewide Alert Network.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: PRELIMINARY; see item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The proposed legislation requires the Department of Emergency Management to coordinate, receive, evaluate, and disseminate emergency services intelligence. The department is to also coordinate intelligence activities with the Department of State Police. The Governor's budget bill provides the Department of State Police and the Department of Emergency Management staff and funding to operate the new Fusion Center (Virginia's terrorism intelligence center). The bill provides the Department of Emergency Management \$151,600 in fiscal year 2006 for five positions (six months funding). The bill also provides the State Police \$282,502 in fiscal year 2006 for eight positions (six months funding).

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Departments of State Police and Emergency Management.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: HB 1966 appears to give the Department of State Police the primary role in terrorism intelligence.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety