

Department of Emergency Management 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2379

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Rapp

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Mutual aid arrangements.

5. Summary/Purpose: Allows a local director of emergency management to enter into mutual aid arrangements for reciprocal assistance in case of disaster with other states or localities within other states. Currently, directors are limited to making these arrangements with other public or private agencies within the Commonwealth or with states adjacent to the Commonwealth.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact since all associated costs should be borne by the localities for planning and response. The fiscal impact on the localities cannot be estimated because responses are event driven and the level of assistance is within the limitations of the responding jurisdictions resources and its own threat/vulnerability level. Also, because these agreements are amongst localities, it is not known if costs will be eligible for federal reimbursement.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All localities within the Commonwealth.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Identical to SB 766 as it left the Senate. Also, the Code of Virginia already permits local governments to provide mutual aid to local and state governments outside Virginia through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Under EMAC, which is a compact amongst states and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), localities and states are reimbursed by FEMA when responding under EMAC.

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