

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB963

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron O'Brien

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Statewide communications interoperability.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill creates a new chapter in Title 9.1 of the Code of Virginia requiring the office of the Governor to annually review and make recommendations for the update of a statewide interoperability strategic plan. It requires all state agencies and localities to comply with the plan by July 1, 2015, in order to remain eligible to receive state or federal funding for communication programs.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Indeterminate

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. However, funding will likely be needed in future biennia to support the implementation of the plan developed as a result of this bill.

8. Fiscal implications: The office of the Secretary of Public Safety, at this time, is able to develop the plan within existing or minimal additional resources. The Secretary's office views this bill as a necessary means to develop a statewide, strategic approach to communications between agencies and localities. It is viewed as a matter of coordination, assistance, and encouragement to localities that are engaging in their own interoperability efforts to ensure system compatibility throughout the Commonwealth. However, determining the costs of implementing the resulting statewide plan is not possible until it is developed and costs estimated. The cost of implementing a statewide communications interoperability strategic plan may be significant.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All state agencies and localities.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety