

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

2. Patron O'Brien

3. Committee Senate Engrossed

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 be needed in future biennia to provide a suitable appropriation, once determined, supporting the implementation of this bill.

8. Fiscal implications: The office of the Secretary of Public Safety views this bill as a 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 who are engaging in their own interoperability efforts to ensure that systems are compatible throughout the Commonwealth. Though costs will not be known until the plan is developed, the Secretary of Public Safety feels this legislation will not cause a significant impact to state funding. The bill states that the interoperability of agencies and localities must be consistent with the statewide plan to be eligible for state funds or federal grants administered by the state.

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