

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact
2006 General Assembly Session

Bill: HB 1170

Patron: Delegate Rapp

Date: January 25, 2006

In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 – 30-19.03:1.1 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

I. Bill Summary

HB 1170 would require each locality to maintain an agency of emergency management and to appoint a coordinator of the agency. Currently, the authority to establish such an agency and appoint a coordinator is discretionary for local governments.

II. Fiscal Impact Analysis

The Commission on Local Government received fiscal impact estimates concerning HB 1170 from 16 local governments (the Counties of Arlington, Bath, Campbell, Chesterfield, Gloucester, Prince William, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Rockingham, and Spotsylvania, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Danville, Hampton, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Winchester). All but two of the localities reported no additional net expenditure because they currently meet the requirements of this bill. Rockingham County indicated that HB 1170 would impose a net additional expenditure of less than \$5,000. The City of Winchester place the fiscal impact of HB 1170 at \$150,000 for the annual operating costs to employ a full-time emergency services coordinator and support staff and office expenses.

III. Conclusion

Based on the responses received, HB 1170 would impose no or minimal net additional expenditure on most local government.