

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1348

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Bell

**3. Committee**    Militia, Police and Public Safety

**4. Title**            Virginia Search and Rescue Training and Response Program.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Creates the Virginia Search and Rescue Training and Response Program within the Department of Emergency Management to coordinate search and rescue training and response in the Commonwealth. Also created is the Virginia Search and Rescue Advisory Council.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** PRELIMINARY.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06			
2006-07	\$125,758	1.0	General Fund
2007-08	\$85,758	1.0	General Fund
2008-09	\$85,758	1.0	General Fund
2009-10	\$85,758	1.0	General Fund
2010-11	\$85,758	1.0	General Fund
2011-12	\$85,758	1.0	General Fund

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes; Item 395.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This proposal mandates the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to provide training to Search and Rescue volunteers and local first responders. VDEM already performs many of the programmatic functions described in this bill. According to VDEM, in order to comply with the intent of the bill a full time Search and Rescue Coordinator position is required.

The proposal will probably impact all localities with the appointment of a Search and Rescue Commander.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Emergency Management, localities statewide.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** Additional positions may be necessary beginning in fiscal year 2009 depending on the workload demands that develop as this program progresses.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety