

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 538

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

2. Patron: Senator Obenshain

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Requiring first warning and emergency notification systems at public higher education institutions

5. Summary: This amended bill mandates that each public institution of higher education in Virginia must establish a comprehensive, prompt, and reliable first warning and emergency notification system for students, staff, and faculty by January 1, 2009.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Given the tragic events at Virginia Tech last April, all of the Commonwealth's public higher education institutions currently have some level of early notification system in place. The cost of such systems was borne by the institutions within their existing budgets. For any notification systems that might not meet the criteria of this proposed legislation, there could be additional costs to the school.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's public higher education institutions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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