

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 538

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced        ☐    Substitute        ☐    Engrossed  
Second House       ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute        ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Senator Obenshain

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

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

**5. Summary:** This bill mandates that each public institution of higher education in Virginia 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:** All of the Commonwealth's public higher education institutions currently have some level of early notification system. Each institution established its system using existing resources. However, for any current notification system that might not meet the criteria set by this legislation, there may be additional costs to the institution.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The language in this bill is identical to the requirement for a first warning and emergency notification system in HB 1449.