

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB539

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

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

**2. Patron:** Obenshain

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Threat assessment teams at each public institution of higher education.

**5. Summary:** Requires the board of visitors or other governing body of every public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to establish a threat assessment team. The bill also requires the team to adopt a campus-wide threat assessment policy and to regularly seek cooperation from (i) residential life; (ii) academic affairs; (iii) law enforcement; (iv) the counseling center; and (v) student judicial affairs.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** After the incident at Virginia Tech, all state colleges and universities, and many of the private not for profit colleges and universities, assembled at a conference in Richmond to develop and assess their disaster teams and determine their risk assessments. All state colleges and university have a police or security team, and have worked to upgrade system notifications. Additional costs to meet the intent of this legislation, if any, cannot be determined.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state colleges and universities, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Board of Visitors for each college or university.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This legislation would expand the team to include student and faculty representatives, and others in the community to participate as members of the team. Companion bill is HB1316.

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C: Secretary of Education

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