

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 608

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Senator Edwards

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Implement crisis and emergency management at public institutions of higher education.

5. Summary: This bill requires that the threat assessment team, as well as the president (superintendent for the Virginia Military Institute) and vice president, for each public institution of higher education annually certify in writing to the Department of Emergency Management comprehension and understanding of its crisis and emergency management plan. This bill also requires the institution to annually conduct a live emergency drill in accordance with the requirements of its crisis and emergency management plan.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Higher Education Institutions

There should be no fiscal impact resulting from an institution's annual certification of its crisis and emergency management plan. However, there could be some impact to its daily operations, which would be disrupted by a live emergency drill. Any costs resulting from the implementation of an emergency drill would be absorbed by the institution.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

While there would be a cost associated with VDEM's oversight of an institution's crisis and emergency management plan certification and drill implementation, it is difficult to quantify at this time. Requiring an institution to develop an emergency plan may imply or require the Commonwealth to provide a certain level of assistance, not only in the plan's development, but also in the development and implementation of the emergency exercises. Depending on how the program is managed and the number of participating institutions, there could be costs associated with the delivery of technical planning assistance, exercise coordination and development, and the preparation of planning reports. If state support for this oversight is not provided, VDEM would seek remittance from each institution for the requested level of the agency's involvement.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's public higher education institutions and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 1238.

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cc.: Secretary of Education
Secretary of Public Safety

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