

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 608

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

**2. Patron:** Senator Edwards

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

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

**5. Summary:** This legislation requires the president (superintendent for the Virginia Military Institute) and vice president for each public institution of higher education to annually:

- review the institution's crisis and emergency management plan,
- certify in writing that the plan has been reviewed, and
- make recommendations for appropriate changes to the plan.

This legislation also requires the institution to annually conduct a functional exercise in accordance with the requirements of its crisis and emergency management plan.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final (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 president and vice president reviewing and certifying its crisis and emergency management plan. However, there could be an impact to the institution's daily operations resulting from the functional exercise, depending upon its level of effort. Any costs associated with the functional exercise would be absorbed by the institution.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

While this legislation does not directly refer to VDEM in either the annual certification or the function exercise, there remains a possible unknown cost due to the fact that the institutions may request the department's assistance with their individual functional exercises. The cost for VDEM's involvement would be dependent upon the extent to which each institution requests VDEM's assistance with its functional exercise, as well as the size of the functional exercise. However, it is anticipated that the institution would be responsible for reimbursing VDEM for its services.

**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 legislation is identical to HB 1238.

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cc.: Secretary of Education  
Secretary of Public Safety

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