

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB426

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

**2. Patron:** Bulova

**3. Committee:** Counties, Cities and Towns

**4. Title:** Planning districts; strategic plans.

**5. Summary:** *The impact statement is revised to indicate an indeterminate fiscal impact at the local level.* Requires all planning districts to prepare regional strategic plans for the guidance of the district. Currently, planning districts in which regional planning is conducted by multistate councils of government are excluded from such requirement.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under the provisions of the bill, each planning district commission would be required to prepare a regional strategic plan and submit the plan to the Department of Housing and Community Development for review. The proposed changes may result in an increase in the workload of the department. However, it is anticipated that any state fiscal impact will be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Any local fiscal impact is indeterminate. However, according to Report Document No. 219, Department of Housing and Community Development Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 Biennial Report on Virginia's Planning District Commissions, 20 of the 21 Virginia planning district commissions are currently statutorily required to engage in strategic planning.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development, planning district commissions.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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