# Department of Planning and Budget
## 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: SB 381**

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

**2. Patron: Reeves**

**3. Committee: Passed both houses**

**4. Title:** Transfer of certain duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

**5. Summary:**

The proposed legislation would transfer the responsibility for overseeing and coordinating efforts to strengthen homeland security from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security to the Secretary of Public Safety. The secretariats would be renamed the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, respectively.

In addition to transferring the oversight of homeland security between secretariats, the proposed legislation includes additional homeland security-related duties for the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security that are not currently set out in law. These are:

- Ensure, consistent with the National Incident Management System, that the Commonwealth implements a continuous cycle of planning. To accomplish this, the secretary is directed to assign responsibility among state agencies and local jurisdictions "to effect the highest state of readiness" for coping with man-made and natural disasters;
- Ensure and monitor the development, maintenance, and implementation of comprehensive and measurable homeland security strategy for the Commonwealth, including the integration of that strategy into the Secure Commonwealth Plan;
- Develop the annual Commonwealth Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Report; and
- Ensure that plans for protecting public critical infrastructure are developed and implemented by state agencies and local jurisdictions.

The proposed legislation also adds the following responsibilities for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

- Assisting in the development of state and local disaster plans and monitoring the status and quality of those plans cyclically to ensure they are feasible and can be implemented with available resources, and

- Monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating on a cyclical basis all shelter, evacuation, traffic, and refuge of last resort plans to ensure they are feasible and can be implemented with available resources.

The proposed legislation would also expand the responsibilities of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to include "issues of mutual concern to the Commonwealth and the armed forces of the United States, including quality of life issues unique to Virginia's active duty military personnel and their families." These issues would include educational opportunities for military children, federal impact aid, preparedness, social service needs, and the possible expansion and growth of military facilities in the Commonwealth.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes. Item 393. The Senate included funding for the fiscal impact of this legislation in its amendments to the budget bill.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8 below.

**Expenditure Impact:**

| ***Fiscal Year*** | ***Dollars*** | ***Fund*** |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| 2015 | $228,288 | General |
| 2016 | $228,288 | General |
| 2017 | $228,288 | General |
| 2018 | $228,288 | General |
| 2019 | $228,288 | General |
| 2020 | $228,288 | General |

8. **Fiscal Implications:**

The proposed legislation would have a fiscal impact on several agencies. The agency most affected would be the Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). To properly carry out the additional responsibilities imposed on the agency by the legislation, which would include the review of local plans on a cyclical basis, the agency would need three additional planners.

The other agencies most affected by the legislation would be the two secretariats. There may need to be some positions and appropriations transferred between them to accommodate the shifting of responsibilities. The proposed legislation would authorize the Governor to make these transfers administratively.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Secretary of Public Safety
Secretary of Veterans Services and Homeland Security
Department of Emergency Management

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** Identical to HB 730, which has been signed by the Governor. The legislation has an emergency clause.

**Date:** 3/11/2014
**Document:** G:\LEGIS\fis-14\sb381er.docx Dick Hall-Sizemore