

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2257

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pillion

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Coal mine safety; mine rescue teams.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (the Department) to enter into agreements with mining operations to provide for mine rescue services, removing from certain rescue teams the classification of state-designated mine rescue team. The bill removes some requirements of compensation and monthly training hours for rescue teams; provides that a rescue team may comprise as many members as can work effectively and are approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines of the Department; requires that where two teams are underground, a third team need only be stationed at the mine portal when it is feasible; reduces rescue station inspections from four times per year to once per year; shifts some current responsibilities of the Director to the Chief; and requires that mine-wide tracking systems, electric equipment, and fire sensor systems be maintained. The bill eliminates the requirement that every miner receive copies of the mine rules and the Coal Mine Safety Act and requires that the surface mine foreman ensure that miners are aware of hazardous conditions and that the Act is complied with. The bill contains technical amendments.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to SB1366.