Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2077

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

2. **Patron:** Wilt

3. **Committee:** Militia, Police, and Public Safety

4. **Title:** Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000; firearms; emergency shelter.

5. **Summary:** Removes the authority of a governmental entity under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000 to limit lawful possession, carrying, transportation, sale, or transfer of firearms in any place or facility used by the governmental entity as an emergency shelter.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Under current law, VDEM is required to monitor, review, and evaluate on a cyclical basis all shelter, evacuation, traffic, and refuge of last resort plans to ensure they are feasible and suitable and can be implemented with available resources. Accordingly, the agency has staff dedicated to review local Emergency Operations plans on a cyclical basis, to the extent the proposed legislation requires reviews of those plans.

   The legislation would also require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to update its current policies regarding firearms in emergency shelters; however, there would be no material fiscal impact associated with updating its policies, according to DSS.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Department of Social Services.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.