

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2320

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

**2. Patron:** Miyares

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

**4. Title:** Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Act of 2017.

**5. Summary:** This bill establishes the Commonwealth as a Nonfederal Sponsor of Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Projects. The bill also establishes the Virginia Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Authority (Authority), a Board of Directors for that Authority (Board), and a Governor's Advisory Commission on Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction (Commission).

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. New item

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under this proposal, the Authority shall initially be composed of a Director, a Deputy Director, five staff civil engineers, one staff economist, and five direct administrative support personnel. The Director shall be a civil engineer with significant experience in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) civil works projects. The Deputy Director shall be an economist with significant experience in forecasting the economic effects of flooding and flood risk reduction. The annual costs for these positions (including benefits) is estimated at roughly \$1.2 million. Another \$50,000 is estimated to be needed for the nonpersonal services costs for these positions and the activities of the Authority's Board of Directors and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction.

Although the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is tasked in this legislation with providing administrative support for this new Authority, VDOT is not identified as a source of funding for the positions or related operating costs (e.g., travel, meals, training, etc.) associated with these positions or the activities of the Authority's Board or the newly created Commission. Unless another source of funding is identified, general fund support would need to be provided to support the Authority. It is assumed VDOT can absorb the costs of providing administrative support to the Authority.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Authority, Virginia Department of Transportation, all state agencies involved with flooding risk reduction, localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None