

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1120

<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:** McPike

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Workers' compensation; volunteer firemen and emergency medical services personnel.

**5. Summary:** Provides that for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act volunteer firemen and emergency medical services personnel shall be deemed employees of the political subdivision or state institution of higher education in which the principal office of the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency is located. The measure repeals the existing provision that volunteer firemen and emergency medical services personnel shall be deemed the employees of the political subdivision or state institution of higher education if its governing body has adopted a resolution acknowledging those persons as employees. The measure also repeals the provision that volunteer firemen and emergency medical services personnel shall be deemed the employees of the volunteer fire company or volunteer emergency medical services agency if the company or agency elects to be included and maintains coverage as an employer under the Act.

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

**7. No Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Human Resource Management's Workers' Compensation Services Program, the proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact because volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel are already covered by the state institution of higher education if the agency adopted a resolution accepting the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as employees. The Workers' Compensation Services Program is also unaware of any claims that were filed and denied due to a lack of a resolution.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Higher education agencies and localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.