

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB821

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Local Government

4. Title: New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority

5. Summary: Changes from one-quarter of the annual budget to a proportionate contribution amount from each participating political subdivision the required contribution to the operating and capital budget of the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority (the Authority).

The proposed legislation requires the Board of the Authority to develop and submit for approval a formula to allocate a proportionate contribution for each participating political subdivision on or before February 1, 2019. The bill requires the participating political subdivisions to unanimously approve the formula before it is used to calculate each participating political subdivision's required contribution. If the formula is not unanimously approved, each participating political subdivision's contribution remains a one-quarter share of the annual budget.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Line 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority, created on July 1, 2010, enables the County of Montgomery, the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to provide a consolidated public safety communications center with interoperable communications.

The consolidated operations have allowed the Authority to collect standardized data on the use of services by each member. Therefore, the new allocation methodology will account for the services used by each member of the Authority. All four entities have agreed to develop a new funding model that will more appropriately allocate costs to the taxpayers and other constituencies for actual services received and prevent unfair supplementation of services provided to certain member agencies by other members.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

New River Emergency Communications Regional Authority
Participating political subdivisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: House Bill 1500 is identical to Senate Bill 821 (substitute).