

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

## CHAPTER 590

*An Act to direct the Department of Emergency Management to review emergency services and disaster preparedness plans.*

[H 420]

Approved April 2, 2020

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. § 1.** *The Department of Emergency Management shall review its emergency services and disaster preparedness programs to determine if changes to those programs are necessary in order to address the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with access or functional needs. The Department shall complete its review no later than November 1, 2020, and report its findings to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology and the House Committee on General Laws. Such report shall include any recommendations for legislation that would be required to fully address the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with access or functional needs. As used in this section, "individuals with limited English proficiency" means individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English.*