

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1189

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

2. **Patron:** Wampler

3. **Committee:** Labor and Commerce

4. **Title:** Coal and Energy Worker Relief Task Force.

5. **Summary:** Establishes the Coal and Energy Worker Relief Task Force for the purpose of assisting Virginia residents whose employment by a business related to the exploration for or the extraction, processing, or transportation of coal or natural gas terminates pursuant to the employer's complete or partial closure. The purposes of the Task Force are to (i) provide a single point of contact for displaced coal and energy workers; (ii) direct resources of the Virginia Employment Commission, state and regional workforce systems, the Department of Social Services, and Virginia's community colleges to areas where coal or energy operations have ceased or reduced operations; and (iii) develop a package of assistance measures that is scalable and transferable across the Commonwealth.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Task Force shall be composed of the Chief Workforce Development Officer and the Directors, or their designees, of the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and the Department of Social Services, and a representative of the Career Works network established by the Workforce Development Board to be appointed by the Chief Workforce Development Advisor. The bill provides that staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

Each of these agencies may incur costs in fulfilling their responsibilities under the provisions of the bill; however, any costs are expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Governor; Secretary of Commerce and Trade; Virginia Community College System; Virginia Employment Commission; Virginia Economic Development Partnership; Department of Social Services; state and regional workforce systems.

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

11. Other Comments: None.