

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB420 ER

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Emergency Management, Department of; responsibilities of political subdivisions.

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to 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 bill requires VDEM to 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. The report must include 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. The bill defines the term "individuals with limited English proficiency" as individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, VDEM maintains the Commonwealth of Virginia Operations Plan (COVEOP) and is responsible for assisting state agencies and local governments with establishing training programs and public information programs regarding emergency services and disaster preparedness activities. This bill requires VDEM to review such 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. According to VDEM, the agency would have to hire a consultant to assist with the review process and to meet the bill's reporting requirements by November 1, 2020. The agency estimates the one-time cost for consulting services at \$35,000.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Emergency Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None