

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB981ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Flashing red and white warning lights; emergency vehicle exemptions.

5. Summary: Provides that any vehicle operated by the Response and Recovery Coordination Branch of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Office of Emergency Preparedness is considered an emergency vehicle, as defined in the Code, when responding to an emergency, provided that the operator of any such vehicle has completed an initial emergency vehicle operators court from an approved course list prepared by the Department of Fire Programs, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, or an equivalent agency, and recertifies as an emergency vehicle operator every two years. The bill also authorizes such vehicles to be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights of types approved by the Superintendent of State Police.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department of State Police, the Department of Fire Programs, or the Virginia Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services as a result of the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Department of Fire Programs, Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.