

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1259

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

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**3. Committee** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title**            Development of state, regional and local water supply plans

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill would require the State Water Control Board, in consultation with the State Health Commissioner, local governments, public service authorities, and other interested parties, to establish a comprehensive water supply planning process for the development of local, regional and state water supply plans. The planning process must (i) ensure that adequate and safe drinking water is available to all citizens of the Commonwealth, (ii) encourage, promote, and protect all other beneficial uses of the Commonwealth's water resources, and (iii) encourage, promote, and develop incentives for alternative water sources. The Board is to prepare draft criteria for the development of the local and regional water supply plans and a preliminary state water resources plan by December 1, 2003. The preliminary plan is to include information from existing local and regional water supply plans. The bill would also require the Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee to work with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health on the development of the plan and to advise these agencies on any further changes needed to the Commonwealth's water resources policies and programs.

**6. Fiscal impact:** (fiscal impact estimates are final)

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$0	0.00	N/A
2003-04	\$0	10.00	0100(GF)
2004-05	\$0	10.00	0100(GF)

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$0	N/A	N/A
2003-04	\$0	N/A	N/A
2004-05	\$0	N/A	N/A

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes.

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                   Water Supply Planning (51303)

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department of Environmental Quality's FY2004 budget includes an additional \$850,000 to develop a statewide water supply planning initiative and to sponsor groundwater research. Of that amount, the Department of Environmental Quality estimates that \$621,088 will be needed to establish a comprehensive water supply planning process for the development of local, regional and state water supply plans. The remaining funds (\$228,912) will be used to install additional water gauges and to develop the United States Geological Survey/Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Plain Model.

The agency estimates that this funding (\$850,000), if it is maintained permanently in its budget, would be sufficient to implement the provisions of this bill. The agency estimates, however, that it would need an additional 10 positions (general fund) to implement these provisions. There would be no fiscal impact to the Department of Health associated with this bill.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Health; all local governments.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** This bill is similar to SB1221 as introduced.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources