

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2304

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Sherwood

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Emergency management and preparedness; mutual aid agreements.

5. Summary/Purpose: Specifies that personnel, equipment, or supplies of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision may be used to assist another state that has declared a state of emergency upon written request of the chief executive of the other state. In addition, the bill authorizes the Governor to provide financial assistance to Virginia state agencies and political subdivisions that provide emergency aid to another state. The bill also increases from 29 to 34 the membership of the Secure Commonwealth Panel by adding the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and four members from the business or industry sector.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: PRELIMINARY; See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 398.

8. Fiscal implications: Increasing the membership of the Secure Commonwealth Panel by five members (the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and four members from the business or industry sector) is expected to have a negligible fiscal impact on the department with an estimated additional cost of \$5,000 per year.

Regarding the mutual aid and sum sufficient language modifications, the fiscal impact cannot be determined since the cost varies widely between each disaster. Also, a fiscal impact is not expected under the mutual aid agreement language since the Governor already has the authority to enter into mutual aid agreements with other states.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Emergency Management, state agencies, local governments.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety