Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB561

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

2. **Patron:** Bulova

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Fire Services Board; meetings.

5. **Summary:** Provides for the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) to meet at least four times per calendar year. Under current law, the Board is limited to meeting no more than four times per calendar year.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes. Item 398.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Tentative. See Items 7a. and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

	Dollars	***Positions***	***Fund***
Fiscal Year			
2015	11,000	0	non-general
2016	11,000	0	non-general
2017	11,000	0	non-general
2018	11,000	0	non-general
2019	11,000	0	non-general
2020	11,000	0	non-general

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill language of "…*at least* four times per calendar year" leaves the expenditure impact uncertain depending upon how many times the Board may elect to convene in one year. Based upon the prior fiscal year's expenditures, it is estimated that each additional meeting convened within a fiscal year would cost $5,500. Currently, the VFSB convenes four (4) full Board meetings per year. If the Board would revert to having six (6) meetings per year, the cost of two (2) additional meetings is estimated at $11,000 per a fiscal year.

   Prior to FY2013, the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB) convened as a full Board six (6) times per year. Effective during FY2012 due to the government reform initiative that introduced continued budget saving strategies, the VFSB was limited to four (4) Board meetings per year, resulting in a 38% reduction in travel expenses supported by the Fire Programs Fund (Fund 0218) related to Board meetings.

In addition to the four (4) full Board meetings, the VFSB convenes two (2) standing sub-committees four (4) times per year per sub-committee.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Fire Programs is the fiscal agent for the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB).

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

11. **Other Comments:** Similar to SB282.

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