

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2788

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

2. Patron: Thomas

3. Committee: House Committee on Appropriations

4. Title: Payment for Virginia National Guard Members on State Active Duty.

5. Summary: This bill requires that all members of the Virginia National Guard who are called into state active duty be paid an amount not less than that prescribed for a member with the rank of E-6 who has over 18 years of service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: Existing law requires that members of the Virginia National Guard, when called into state active service, receive the same pay and allowances as prescribed for members of like rank in the U.S. Armed Forces. This bill provides that at a minimum, members mobilized for active state duty will be compensated at a rate consistent with an E-6 rank who has over 18 years of service. The proposed legislation would increase the cost of the state response to emergencies in which the National Guard is mobilized, such as hurricanes, fires, and floods, by establishing a minimum "floor" for the daily pay for enlisted members. The additional cost would be dependent on the number of Guardsmen mobilized for an event, their respective rank, and the number of emergency responses that occur in a given year. The state uses the sum sufficient appropriation provided for the Governor to reimburse agencies for the costs they incur during these responses.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Military Affairs and Department of Emergency Management.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB2626, SB1246 and HB1968.