

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB983

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

2. Patron: Delaney

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Traffic incident management vehicles

5. Summary: Authorizes traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who meet certain training requirements to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	0	0	
2021	\$356,000	0	NGF
2022	\$462,000	0	NGF
2023	\$462,000	0	NGF
2024	\$462,000	0	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: The language in this bill is permissive. If the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opts to equip its vehicles with flashing red lights as allowed by this legislation, an initial cost of \$356,000 would include a minimum light package for all vehicles as well as the cost for emergency vehicle operating courses. The Year 2 onward costs of \$462,000 per year include the formal retrofit of vehicles and recurring training. This cost is distributed across three years. The emergency vehicle operating training will occur indefinitely due to the necessity of recertification. VDOT would absorb these costs within existing resources.

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) would have to add the additional individuals to be enrolled in the emergency vehicle operator training program to their system. Each additional user costs \$7.50 per person, per year, in addition to standard charges for the program that VDOT would need to pay. The implementation of this bill may also require VDFP to increase the frequency at which they provide the training course in order to account for increased enrollment.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Office of Emergency Medical Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None