Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB320

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

2. **Patron:** Lewis

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

4. **Title:** Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; low-income loans; forgiveness of principal.

5. **Summary:** This bill renames the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund as the "Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund" (the Fund). The Fund is currently administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). The bill intends the Fund to operate as a low-interest loan to help inland and coastal communities that are subject to recurrent or repetitive flooding. Moneys from the Fund may be used to mitigate future flood damage, with priority given to projects that implement community-scale mitigation activities or use nature-based solutions (as defined by the bill). The bill allows any locality that provides loans for projects in low-income geographic areas (as defined by the bill) to forgive the principal of such loans. The bill caps the total amount of loans forgiven by all localities at 30 percent of the total amount appropriated to the Fund in that fiscal year.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to VDEM, there is currently no appropriation to support the Fund. However, changing the structure of the Fund to allow forgiveness for certain loans would affect the Fund's ability to self-sustain in the event an initial appropriation were to be made. The VDEM reports that this bill is not expected to impact agency operations.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Emergency Management, local governments

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is the same as HB751.