

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2085

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

**2. Patron:** Askew

**3. Committee:** Public Safety

**4. Title:** Emergency Services and Disaster Law; local and inter-jurisdictional emergency operations plans.

**5. Summary:** Current law requires each local and inter-jurisdictional agency to prepare and keep current a local or inter-jurisdictional emergency operations plan for its area. Such plans must include, but not be limited to, responsibilities of all local agencies and an established chain of command, and a provision that the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund must be contacted immediately to deploy assistance in the event of an emergency as defined in the emergency response plan when there are victims as defined in § 19.2-11.01 (Crime victim and witness rights). Current law designates the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund as the lead coordinating agencies for those individuals determined to be victims. This bill requires local and inter-jurisdictional agencies to include provisions in their emergency operations plans to ensure that such plans are applied equitably and that the needs of minority and vulnerable communities are met during emergencies.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, any fiscal impact resulting from this proposal can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgets. This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

The impact this bill may have on localities is not known at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, localities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None