

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2021 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1296

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

**2. Patron:** Spruill

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** State Coordinator of Emergency Management; establishment of Emergency Management Equity.

**5. Summary:** Section 44-146.18 of the Code of Virginia governs the administration and operational control, coordinator and other personnel, and powers and duties of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). This bill requires the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to establish and maintain an Emergency Management Equity Working Group (the Working Group) to ensure that emergency management programs and plans provide support to at-risk individuals and populations disproportionately impacted by disasters. The Working Group must include experts from (i) the Governor's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and other state agencies; (ii) the public at large; and (iii) the private sector who have expertise related to at-risk and vulnerable populations and the threats faced by such populations during a disaster.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to VDEM, any impact resulting from this bill can be absorbed within the agency's existing budget.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None