

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1404

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

2. **Patron:** Lewis

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

4. **Title:** Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grant requirements.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes grants from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund awarded for projects related to Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements to take into account total phosphorus reductions or total nitrogen reductions. The bill authorizes grants awarded for eligible projects in localities with high or above average fiscal stress as reported by the Commission on Local Government to account for more than 50 percent of the costs of a project.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Any impact the provisions of this bill may have on the demand for grants from the Stormwater Local Assistance Program is unknown. Item C-70 of Chapter 56, 2020 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, appropriates \$50 million of Virginia Public Building Authority bond proceeds to support the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality; localities

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.