Department of Planning and Budget
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB793

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

2. **Patron:** LaRock

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Traffic incident management vehicles.

5. **Summary:** Adds traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, when operated by persons who meet certain training requirements, to a list of vehicles allowed to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights inside the vehicle's taillights, headlights, or marker lights of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police.

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

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

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 $472,000 includes a minimum light package for all vehicles as well as the emergency vehicle operating course. The Year 2 onward costs of $472,000 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.

   The Virginia Department of Transportation relies on revenues generated for highway maintenance operations, which are fully appropriated in the 2022 Budget Bill (HB30/SB30). Although additional appropriation is not needed, the agency will need to redirect funding from other budgeted activities to address the potential costs associated with this legislation.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.