

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB936

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hashmi

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

**4. Title:** Department of Emergency Management; comprehensive extreme heat emergency response plan.

**5. Summary:** This bill directs the Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to develop a comprehensive extreme heat emergency response plan that includes the following criteria: (i) developing a heat adaptation plan, (ii) convening heat emergency coordination team to facilitate coordination across state agencies, (iii) establishing public cooling spaces, (iv) developing extreme heat health warning systems and protocols, (v) establishing partnerships with community-based organizations to provide services and support to all communities, and (vi) examining housing cooling needs. The plan is due by November 1, 2023.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 412.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** VDEM reports that the agency's planning division is limited and does not currently have the capacity to develop and maintain the plan required by this bill. VDEM estimates that it would need additional general fund resources to either hire two additional full-time employees at an annual cost of \$122,900 each (includes salary, benefits, and estimated overhead costs) or contract with a vendor with appropriate expertise, at an estimated cost of \$208,000 to \$312,000 to develop the plan. Ongoing costs associated with this initiative are not known at this time. Should additional information become available, the fiscal impact statement will be revised.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None