

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1487

Patron: Cifers

Bill Title: Governor; protecting the resiliency of the Commonwealths critical infrastructure.

Bill Summary: Directs the Governor to establish two committees, the Critical Infrastructure Committee and the Resilient Energy Committee, to assess and make recommendations to protect Virginia’s critical infrastructure from hazards, site backup power to protect critical infrastructure, and streamline regulatory requirements for resilient power. The State Corporation Commission shall review the reports submitted and make recommendations on funding the hardening of and improvements of existing systems and constructing new infrastructure. The bill also directs the Virginia National Guard and law-enforcement agencies to establish a plan to maintain order in the event of an attack or natural disaster.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Unknown

Items Impacted: Unknown

Explanation: The fiscal impact is indeterminate. See fiscal analysis.

Fiscal Summary: The state fiscal impact is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: The fiscal impact of conducting the studies required by the bill and implementing the recommendations of such studies are indeterminate. The bill provides that no more than \$2 million shall be appropriated for such purposes. It is unclear if \$2 million would be sufficient to conduct the studies and implement recommendations.

The bill requires the Governor to appoint a Critical Infrastructure Committee and Resilient Energy Committee, each comprised of eight members. It is unclear from the bill if the members will serve with compensation or reimbursements or how frequently they would meet. The bill does not specify which agency is responsible for providing support to the committees. Costs associated with any member compensation, reimbursements, agency support, or recommendations of the committees are indeterminate.

The bill requires the Resilient Energy Committee, in coordination with the State Corporation Commission, to evaluate options to streamline regulatory requirements for the location and building of new resilient power and to provide surge protection and shielding in new homes and buildings and when retrofitting existing residences and buildings. The State Corporation Commission is also required to review the reports submitted by the Critical Infrastructure Committee and Resilient Energy Committee and make recommendations on funding the hardening of and improvements to existing systems and the construction of new infrastructure. Costs associated with such analysis and recommendations are indeterminate.

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The bill requires the Virginia National Guard and all law-enforcement agencies to establish a plan to maintain order in the event of an attack or natural disaster. Any potential associated costs are unknown at this time.

Other: None