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HOUSE BILL NO. 1820

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations
on February 12, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Reid)

A *BILL to direct the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of Finance, to evaluate the need for public safety communications infrastructure updates and hardware replacements.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of Finance (the Secretaries), shall evaluate the need for public safety communications infrastructure updates and hardware replacements, and the cost of meeting such need. In completing the evaluation, the Secretaries shall consult with the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee. Such evaluation shall include (i) a review of the current state of public safety communications infrastructure in the Commonwealth, (ii) whether updates to such infrastructure is needed to assist with redundancy and enhanced resiliency during incident response, (iii) the cost of attaining such necessary updates, and (iv) the current availability of state funding sources, including grant and loan programs where updates to public safety communication infrastructure are an allowable use. The Secretaries shall report any findings and recommendations, including possible funding options, to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025.*

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