

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB169

Patron: Askew

Bill Title: Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund established; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to political subdivisions to assist with the cost of emergency management and preparedness. The bill states that the Program will be administered by the Department of Emergency Management, which shall establish guidelines for (i) the administration of the Program and (ii) awarding grants to political subdivisions from the Fund. The bill specifies that a political subdivision awarded a grant under the Program must use the funds for certain purposes to advance the emergency preparedness of such political subdivision and must provide a 50 percent match of local or federal funds for the award. The bill requires the Department, beginning on or before December 1, 2026, and each year thereafter, to submit a report to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Governor, and the Chairs of the House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations summarizing the activities of the Program.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on state agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Department of Emergency Management, there is no expected fiscal impact as a result of the establishment and administration of the Program and Fund in accordance with the proposed bill.

The amount of funding provided for the newly created Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Fund will be dependent on what is authorized by the General Assembly.

Other: This bill is similar to SB98.