

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

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In accordance with the provisions of 30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of legislation impacting local governments.

SB 44: Cemeteries on private property; registration by localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Va.). (Patron: Danica A. Roem)

Bill Summary: Registration by localities of cemeteries on private property; Planning District 8. Requires localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) to adopt an ordinance setting forth a register of identified cemeteries, graveyards, or other places of burial located on private property not belonging to any memorial or monumental association. Under current law, all localities are permitted but not required to pass such an ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Local Fiscal Impact: Net Additional Expenditure: x Net Reduction of Revenues:

Summary Analysis:

Number of Localities Responding: 2 Cities, 1 County, 0 Towns, 0 Other

Localities estimated a negative fiscal impact ranging from \$3000 to \$55,689 over the biennium.

Localities identified the bill's fiscal impact as minor and related to the costs of developing the ordinance, public notice, and ongoing staff hours related to the maintenance of the registry.

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Locality	Expenditure Narrative by Responding Localities
City of Alexandria	The bill as proposed would require updating the City Code and an ordinance to create a cemetery registry. The requirement would obligate staff time associated with implementation, noticing, and legislative City Code changes. Staff estimated that the initiative may take approximately 40 hours of staff time for an initial personnel cost of \$3,000.
City of Manassas	Staff time to maintain registry.
Fairfax County	The estimate is based on the staff time needed to develop and implement an ordinance, develop an internal system for public notice, and the on-going maintenance of a cemetery register.