Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB682 **Patron:** Zehr
Bill Title: Fire Programs Fund; aid to localities; redistribution of funds.

Bill Summary: Provides that, for the purposes of funds distributed to localities as aid for fire programs, if a locality does not provide the required annual report and forms, any funds due to the locality for the next year shall be returned to the Fire Programs Fund and redistributed as grants to enhance firefighting and rescue services in accordance with policies developed by the Virginia Fire Services Board. Under current law, such funds are added to the 75 percent of the Fund allocated to the counties, cities, and towns of the Commonwealth for improvement of fire services in localities.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Fire Programs (DFP) and the State Corporation Commission (SCC), there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the agencies' operations as a result of the bill.

Fiscal Analysis: According to DFP, there is no anticipated material fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Existing grants administration personnel are expected to be able to absorb any additional workload associated with redistributing funds returned by localities that have fallen out of compliance with existing reporting requirements.

According to the SCC, the agency does not have any involvement in the distribution or redistribution of the Fire Programs Fund. The SCC's role is to collect the revenue and transfer it to DFP.

Other: None.