

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: Yes

Items Impacted: 398

Explanation: One nongeneral fund position and appropriation is needed to administer the grant program.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) anticipates the need for one additional position to support administration of the grant program, with an estimated annual cost of \$158,837. The bill language stipulates that VDEM may use 2.5 percent of the grant funds to cover program administrative costs. VDEM anticipates that this will be sufficient to cover the position.

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837
TOTAL	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837	\$158,837

Nongeneral Fund Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDEM		1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL		1	1	1	1	1

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Fiscal Analysis: According to VDEM, there is no expected fiscal impact to the general fund as a result of the establishment and administration of the Program and Fund in accordance with the proposed bill. VDEM anticipates that to administer the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program, the agency would need one additional full-time employee (Financial Services Manager I / Grants Program Manager). The estimated cost for the position is \$158,837, including \$132,003 for salary and benefits, and \$26,834 in overhead. The bill language stipulates that VDEM may use 2.5 percent of the grant funds to cover program administrative costs. VDEM anticipates that this will be sufficient to cover the fiscal impacts of the additional position.

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 fiscal impact statement is being revised to fully explain anticipated nongeneral fund expenditure associated with implementation of the bill.

SB98 creates the same program and fund, however that legislation also directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a work group.