

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

TOTAL	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Fiscal Analysis: VDEM will contract with an independent, third-party consultant to conduct a comprehensive 90-day preparedness study. The contract will include analysis of historical declared and non-declared disaster events in Virginia, incorporation of recent Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) findings, evaluation of current state and local responsibilities, and recommendations to strengthen the Commonwealth’s preparedness posture. The timeline outlined in the substitute bill would be during hurricane season for VDEM, which supports the need for outside staff.

Based on current industry consulting rates for government and emergency management studies, this engagement is estimated to cost approximately \$225,000, depending on the final scope and level of expertise contracted. This range includes professional fees, incidental travel and data expenses, and standard deliverables. The estimated cost is based on a contractor rate of \$3,000 per day, for an estimated performance period of 75 days. Contractual terms will include specific deliverables and performance criteria to ensure fiscal accountability and measurable outcomes.

Other: This fiscal impact statement has been revised to provide a cost estimate for contractual support needed by VDEM.