Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB862(E) **Patron:** Cousins
Bill Title: Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP).

Bill Summary: Restructures the existing governance structure and responsibilities of the Commission on VASAP and expands its oversight authority over local alcohol safety action programs. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on VASAP. This bill also requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to study review the sustainability of the funding model for VASAP.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 270
Explanation: Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources will need $200,000 to hire a third-party contractor to facilitate the work group, conduct research, and prepare the final report.

Fiscal Summary: See Fiscal Analysis.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill, as amended, requires the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (OSHHR) to convene and support a multi-agency work group to review the sustainability of the structure and funding model for the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) and submit a comprehensive report by October 1, 2026. The required review includes analysis of funding models in other states, evaluation of program sustainability factors, development of recommended funding levels, assessment of operational standards, and recommendations regarding staffing structure, accountability, and oversight roles.

OSHHR does not have sufficient in-house subject matter expertise or staffing capacity to conduct a statewide operational and financial sustainability analysis of this scope, including national comparison research and fiscal modeling. It is anticipated that a third-party contractor would be required to facilitate the work group, conduct research and financial analysis, coordinate stakeholder engagement, and prepare the final report.

It is estimated that approximately $200,000 general fund would be required in FY 2027 to procure these services.

The Commission on VASAP, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Virginia Department of Health, and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security indicate the provisions of this bill can be absorbed with current resources.

Other: Identical to SB391(E).