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Bill Number: SB320ER

Patron: Srinivasan

Bill Title: Department of Transportation; autonomous truck-mounted attenuators; pilot program authorized.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the Department of Transportation to establish a pilot program for the implementation and deployment of autonomous truck-mounted attenuators within mobile work zones, defined in the bill. The bill has an expiration date of December 31, 2031.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate. This bill authorizes, but does not require, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish a pilot program for the implementation and deployment of autonomous truck-mounted attenuators (AMTA) within mobile work zones. Per VDOT, there are currently no commercially available autonomous truck-mounted attenuators (ATMA). If a qualifying product becomes available, costs for the pilot could include purchase of the AMTAs, operator training, research and consultation on operations and practices, monitoring the deployments, and reporting on the program. Any costs for a pilot would need to be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Other: This bill is a companion to HB582.