

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1049

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Batten

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; work group to study recruitment.

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to convene a work group to (i) study the recruitment and professional development of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, (ii) make recommendations to ensure the uniformity of training for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, and (iii) examine whether the state regulation of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel should be consolidated under a single secretariat and if a new secretariat should be created to oversee such regulation. The bill requires the work group to submit a report to the relevant General Assembly committees by November 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, all costs associated with the work of the proposed work group can be absorbed with existing funds.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Department of Fire Programs, Virginia Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.