

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB746

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bell

**3. Committee:** Public Safety

**4. Title:** Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation creates a special non-reverting fund to be known as the Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund that shall be used solely for the purposes of assisting or reimbursing volunteer fire departments or volunteer fire companies with the costs of training and certifying volunteer firefighters. The bill also requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a workgroup to study the accessibility and availability of training programs with a specific focus on providing training programs to volunteer fire departments, volunteer fire companies, and volunteer firefighters in a cost-efficient and effective manner.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security reports that any costs which result from the proposed legislation would be minimal and absorbable within existing resources. However, if multiple bills are passed during the 2022 General Assembly session which require the creation of workgroups, the Secretary reports that funding may be necessary to reimburse the travel costs of participating members.

The bill provides that, should deposits be made into this fund, such resources could be appropriated to assist with the cost of training and certifying local firefighters. The Department of Fire Programs (DFP) does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of the proposed legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Department of Fire Programs; local fire departments.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.