2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Department of Emergency Management

Item 399	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Emergency Response and Recovery (77600)	**$66,722,676**	**$33,722,676**
Emergency Response and Recovery Services (77601)	$44,525,701	$11,525,701
Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery (77602)	$20,089,470	$20,089,470
Emergency Response Direct Support (77603)	$102,604	$102,604
Disaster Recovery Services (77604)	$2,004,901	$2,004,901
Fund Sources:		
General	$6,859,375	$8,859,375
Special	$206,340	$206,340
Commonwealth Transportation	$1,347,340	$1,347,340
Dedicated Special Revenue	$35,000,000	$0
Federal Trust	$23,309,621	$23,309,621

Authority: Title 44, Chapters 3.2 through 3.5, §§ 44-146.17, 44-146.18(c), 44-146.22, 44-146.28(a) Code of Virginia.

A. Subject to authorization by the Governor, the Department of Emergency Management may employ persons to assist in response and recovery operations for emergencies or disasters declared either by the President of the United States or by the Governor of Virginia. Such employees shall be compensated solely with funds authorized by the Governor or the federal government for the emergency, disaster, or other specific event for which their employment was authorized. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to increase the agency's position level based on the number of positions approved by the Governor.

B. The Secretary of Finance, consistent with any Executive Order signed by the Governor, may provide the department anticipation loans in such amounts as may be needed to appropriately reimburse localities and state agencies for costs associated with Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) mission assignments. Such loans shall be based on the reimbursements anticipated under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and, notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 b of this act, may be extended for a period longer than twelve months.

C.1. Localities receiving reimbursements from the Department of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) mission costs shall reimburse the Department of Emergency Management for any overpayments within sixty (60) days of written notification of such overpayment.

2. Overpayment amounts shall be based on the difference between the amount reimbursed to the locality by the Department of Emergency Management and the amount reimbursed to the Department of Emergency Management

by the state requesting emergency aid under the Compact.

3. If the locality does not reimburse the Department of Emergency Management the overpaid amount within sixty (60) days of being notified, the Comptroller is authorized to withhold from any funds to be transferred to the locality the amount overpaid to the locality and transfer such withheld funds to the Department of Emergency Management.

D. Consistent with any Executive Order signed by the Governor, the Secretary of Finance or his designee may provide the Department of Emergency Management anticipation loans in such amounts as may be needed to appropriately reimburse the Department for disaster related costs. Such loans shall be based on the federal reimbursements anticipated in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and, notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-3.02 b of this act, may be extended for a period longer than twelve months, if necessary.

E.1. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special, nonreverting fund to be known as the Cardinal Disaster Relief Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year, including interest thereon, shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund.

2. Any moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for efforts to address life, safety, and disaster-related response costs not covered by federal support.

3. Out of the appropriation in this Item, $35,000,000 the first year from dedicated special revenue is provided to be deposited to the Cardinal Disaster Relief Fund.