2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Department of Emergency Management

Item 403	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Information Systems Management and Direction (71100)	**$2,755,882**	**$2,755,882**
Geographic Information Access Services (71105)	$2,755,882	$2,755,882
Fund Sources:		
Dedicated Special Revenue	$2,755,882	$2,755,882

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 20.1, Code of Virginia.

A.1. All state and nonstate agencies receiving an appropriation in Part 1 shall comply with the guidelines and related procedures issued by Department of Emergency Management for effective management of geographic information systems in the Commonwealth.

2. All state and nonstate agencies identified in paragraph A.1. that have a geographic information system, shall assist the department by providing any requested information on the systems including current and planned expenditures and activities, and acquired resources.

3. The State Corporation Commission, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and other nongeneral fund agencies are encouraged to use their own fund sources for the acquisition of hardware and development of data for the spatial data library in the Virginia Geographic Information Network.

B. The Department of Emergency Management, through its Geographic Information Network Division (VGIN), or its counterpart, shall acquire on a four-year cycle high-resolution digital orthophotography of the land base of Virginia pursuant to VGIN's Virginia Base Mapping Program (VBMP) and digital road centerline files. VGIN shall administer the maintenance of the VBMP and appropriate addressing and standardized attribution in collaboration with local governments. All digital orthophotography, Digital Terrain Models and ancillary data produced by the VBMP, but not including digital road centerline files, shall be the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia and administered by VGIN. The VGIN, or its counterpart, will be responsible for protecting the data through appropriate license agreements and establishing appropriate terms, conditions, charges and any limitations on use of the data. VGIN will license the data at no charge (other than media / transfer costs) to Virginia governmental entities or their agents. Such data shall not be subject to release by such entities under the Freedom of Information Act or similar laws. VGIN in its discretion may release certain data by posting to the Internet. Distribution of the data for commercial or private use or to users outside the Commonwealth will be the sole responsibility of VGIN or its agent(s) and shall require payment of a license fee to be determined by VGIN. All fees collected as a result will be added to the GIS Fund as established in the Code of Virginia § 44-146.18:7. Collected fees and grants are hereby appropriated for future data updates or to cover the costs of existing digital ortho acquisition or for other purposes authorized in § 44-146.18:7.

C. Funding in this item shall be used to support the efforts of the Virginia Geographic Information Network which provides for the development and use of spatial data to support E-911 wireless activities in partnership with Enhanced Emergency Communications Services. Funding is to be earmarked for major updates of the VBMP and

digital road centerline files.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 15, Title 56, Code of Virginia, $1,750,000 the first year and $1,750,000 the second year from Emergency Response Systems Development Technology Services dedicated special revenue shall be used to support the efforts of the Virginia Geographic Information Network, or its counterpart, for providing the development and use of spatial data to support E-911 wireless activities in partnership with Enhanced Emergency Communications Services.