

Virginia Retirement System

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2620

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Kilgore

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Law Officers' Retirement System.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill adds special game wardens appointed prior to January 1, 1995, to membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	-0-		
2001-02	\$255,000		NGF
2002-03	\$265,000		NGF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes

8. Fiscal implications: See item 11.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VRS and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: There have been 8 bills introduced this year to include 6 new groups of employees under VALORS, not including those including sheriffs and deputies. The fiscal impact of all of the new groups is shown in the table below. In 1999, the General Assembly and Governor approved the establishment of the Virginia Law Officers Retirement System (VALORS) to provide benefits equivalent to state police officers to certain other law enforcement positions. The law was effective October 1, 1999. VRS continues to recommend that before any other groups of employees are included under VALORS, the General Assembly consider the criteria it will use to determine future eligibility. VRS respectfully requests that no favorable action be taken on this bill until a uniform policy for inclusion is established. Failure to have an established and consistent policy for inclusion of members in VALORS may result in employee initiated suits for inclusion that will leave the Commonwealth with no valid defense.

GROUP	# OF EE'S	ANN. COMP.	FY02 COST	FY03 COST	BILL #
DMV ENF.	61	\$2,897,000	\$626,000	\$651,000	H1659, H1811
JUV. PROB. & PAROLE	742	\$28,528,000	\$6,159,000	\$6,405,746	H1751 S1020
LOTTERY	10	\$517,000	\$112,000	\$116,000	S1020

DOC W/ INMATE CONTACT	4,255	\$142,421,000	\$30,749,000	\$31,979,000	S969 S1283
SPECIAL GAME WARDEN	24	\$1,182,000	\$254,885	\$265,000	H2620

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