Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

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3. Committee Passed Both Houses

- **4. Title** Community policing.
- 5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend §9-170 of the Code of Virginia to specify the activities that the Department and Board of Criminal Justice Services must undertake to promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final. See item 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.
- 8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain. The language of the bill requires the agency to promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by providing training and technical assistance statewide to all law enforcement agencies, community groups, public and private organizations and citizens. It also would require the agency to develop and distribute innovative policing curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice and contemporary critical issues facing Virginia's communities. Furthermore, the agency must serve as a consultant to organizations for community policing issues.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services advises that the legislation essentially codifies the agency's current activities and those of the Virginia Community Policing Institute which are supported by nongeneral funds. The agency has sought additional general fund support for these activities, but this legislation does not specifically mandate new programs.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: None.
- 11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB2023ER.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety