

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB498E

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

2. **Patron** Hamilton

3. **Committee** Senate Finance

4. **Title** Schoolsafety personnel.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposestoamendandre enact §§9.1 -101,9- 1.102,9.1- 110,9.1- 184,15.2 -1737,and19.2 -13oftheCodeofVirginia,andtoaddasectionnumbered 22.1-280.2:1.Thisbilldefinesaschoolresourceofficerasatrained,certifiedlaw - enforcementofficerhiredbyalocallaw -enforcementagencytoprovidelaw -enforcementand securityservicestoVirginiapublicelementaryandsecondaryschoolsandaschoolsecurity officerasanindividualwhoisemployedbythelocalschoolboardforthesingularpurposeof maintainingorderanddiscipline,preventingcrime,investigatingviolationsofschoolboard policies,anddetainingandapprehendingpersonsviolatingthelaworschoolboardpolicieson schoolpropertyoratschool -sponsoredeventsandwhoisresponsiblesolelyforensuringthe safety,security,andwelfareofallstudents,faculty,staff,andvisitorsintheassignedschool. ThemeasurealsodirectstheDepartmentofCriminalJusticeServices,inconsultationwiththe DepartmentofEducationandtheVirginiaStateCrimeCommission,toestablishcompulsory minimumstandardsforemploymentandjob -entryandin -servicetrainingcurriculaand certificationrequirementsforschoolsecurityofficers;thetrainingandcertificationwillbe administeredbytheVirginiaCenterforSchoolSafety.Schoolsecurityofficersareprecluded fromappointmentasconservatorsofthepeaceandaspecialpoliceofficers.Asecond enactmentclauseprovidesthatthetrainingandemploymentstandardswillbeapplicableto personsemployedaschool securityofficeronandafterSeptember15,2003.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary:** See item #8.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	300,000	2	GF
2003-04	300,000	2	GF

7. **Budget amendment necessary :** Yes. Item #432.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The legislation directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to develop, in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime Commission, the compulsory minimum standards for employment, in -service training and certification requirements for school security officers and charges the Virginia Center for School Safety with administering the application of those standards. The department advises that it would require approximately \$300,000 and 2 FTE to meet the requirements of the

legislation, as the Virginia Center for School Safety has been largely unfunded since its inception.

In an amendment to the budget, the Senate proposes \$150,000 and 2 FTE positions in general funds support for this legislation. The House proposes 3 FTE positions and provides the authority to use an additional \$300,000 from the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund to support all of the activities of the Center. If the House's proposal is accepted, it appears that the Center will be able to issue fewer grants to localities, as it will have \$300,000 less in the Fund to award.

The Department of Education advises that while the legislation calls for the development of standards, it states that local school boards may hire school security officers and school resource officers but does not compel them to, therefore there is no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Education, Criminal Justice Services, Virginia Crime Commission and local school systems.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to SB295.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety