

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB592

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Lohr

3. Committee Militia, Police, and Public Safety

4. Title Law-enforcement officers; language programs.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend and reenact § [9.1-102](#) of the Code of Virginia to require the Department of Criminal Justice Services to advise and assist law-enforcement agencies in developing programs and incentives to encourage law-enforcement officers to learn languages in addition to English, including allocating funds for such programs and incentives.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 391.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) advises that there are currently no federal Justice Assistance Grant programs that will provide this kind of assistance.

DCJS advises it is able to implement any type of program the Commonwealth chooses to provide the assistance. However, while the language of the amendment specifies that it shall provide assistance and incentives to encourage law-enforcement officers to learn languages in addition to English, including allocating funds for such programs, it does not specify how it should be done, the scale of the program, or the funding source. Therefore, it should be noted that the agency will incur a fiscal impact directly related to the support approved by the General Assembly.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, state and local law enforcement personnel.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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