

Virginia Retirement System 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB635

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Phillips

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Correctional officer; definition.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Correctional officer; definition. Includes wardens, assistant wardens, and supervisors in the definition of a correctional officer for purposes of membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System, for eligibility in the Line of Duty Act and for the protected status of law officers under several criminal law statutes.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
State-GF	(849,000)	(883,000)	(918,000)	(955,000)	(993,000)	(1,033,000)
SPORS-GF	-	-	-	-	-	-
VaLORS-GF	1,575,000	1,638,000	1,704,000	1,772,000	1,843,000	1,917,000
JRS-GF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teacher-GF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total GF	726,000	755,000	786,000	817,000	850,000	884,000
State-NGF	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPORS-NGF	-	-	-	-	-	-
VaLORS-NGF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total NGF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teacher-Local	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local Aggregate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Local	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	726,000	755,000	786,000	817,000	850,000	884,000

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. If this bill is approved, coverage for the affected employees would begin and the Department of Corrections would be charged the higher

VaLORS contribution rate effective July 1, 2006. This bill would require a budget amendment for FY07.

8. Fiscal implications:

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VRS, Department of Accounts and the Department of Corrections

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: 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 and the benefit structure was amended in 2001. There have been multiple bills introduced over the last several General Assembly sessions to allow additional groups to become eligible to participate in VaLORS. 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. 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.

Additionally, this bill may impact the Department of Accounts. VRS cannot calculate this impact.

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