

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB211

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

2. Patron Edwards

3. Committee Finance

4. Title Crisis intervention pilot programs for persons with mental illness.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend and reenact § [9.1-102](#) and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 an article numbered 13, consisting of sections numbered [9.1-187](#) through [9.1-187.3](#) to permit the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish crisis intervention team pilot programs in up to six areas of the state by January 1, 2007. The crisis intervention pilot programs shall assist law-enforcement officers to respond to crisis situations involving persons with mental illness, substance abuse, or both. By November 1, 2006, the Department shall submit to the Joint Commission on Health Care a report outlining the plan for the program. The Department, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, shall establish a training program for all persons involved in the crisis intervention team pilot programs. Each crisis intervention team shall develop a protocol that permits law-enforcement officers to release from custody persons whom they encounter in crisis situations when the crisis intervention team has determined the person is sufficiently stable. The Department shall evaluate and report annually to the Joint Commission on Health Care on the impact and effectiveness of the crisis intervention team pilot programs.

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>
2005-06			
2006-07	682,000	1	0100
2007-08	674,803	1	0100
2008-09	674,803	1	0100
2009-10	674,802	1	0100
2010-11	674,803	1	0100
2011-12	674,803	1	0100

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item # 391.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill “permits” the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to establish Crisis Intervention teams in six areas of the Commonwealth. The bill indicates that the teams will assist law enforcement agencies in responding to crisis situations involving persons with mental illness, substance abuse, or both. DCJS estimates that two

full-time positions, at a cost of \$750,000 are needed to develop the program and provide the training. Additional funding issues include the level of support needed to develop the local “teams” and subsequently maintain those programs, including ongoing training needs. The agency further advises that it would likely model any program on an existing program currently operating in the New River Valley. It has based the estimates on the local funding needs on that program. Given that the language specifies only six localities for the pilot and that a model exists, it seems reasonable that one position should be sufficient to get the program operational. Of the \$682,000 estimated for FY 2007, \$600,000 is calculated for the six localities to hire a full-time coordinator and manage the other costs associated with the intervention program.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Joint Commission on Health Care, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, law enforcement officers, and the up to 6 localities that would form the crisis intervention teams and be part of the pilot programs.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety