

**Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

Revised

1. Bill Number: HB 2263

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Oversight of Animal Control Officers

5. Summary: Moves oversight and governance of animal control officers from the State Veterinarian to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$80,250	1	GF
2011	\$65,250	1	GF
2012	\$65,250	1	GF
2013	\$65,250	1	GF
2014	\$65,250	1	GF
2015	\$65,250	1	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 395

8. Fiscal Implications: According to DCJS, the first year cost for starting this program at DCJS would be \$80,250. Establishing this new program at DCJS would involve going through the Administrative Process Act (APA) to develop the training rules that animal control officers would be required to follow. This process would involve a series of public meetings with the advisory board as designated in the legislation to gather the information necessary to promulgate the training rules. From a technology standpoint, modifications will be needed to agency electronic tracking systems to allow DCJS to track animal control officers and their training. A majority of the funding needed to carryout this legislation would be to fund an additional position.

Expenditure	Cost
Salary	\$45,000
Benefits/Overhead	\$20,250
One time program development cost	\$15,000
Total	\$80,250

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) received the responsibility of this program without funding; therefore, there is no funding to transfer with the responsibilities of this proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DCJS, VDACS and local law enforcement departments

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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