

Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB538

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Hunter education program.

5. Summary: This bill removes all language in § 29.1-300.2, Code of Virginia, dictating the specific number of positions required to administer the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' hunter education program. Instead, the bill provides that the department will establish at least one full-time hunter education coordinator for each of its administrative regions and assign each coordinator to a conservation police officer district. Current statute requires that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries employ six full-time hunter education coordinator positions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No fiscal impact. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that this bill will not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Presently, all hunter education coordinators are law enforcement officers of the agency. Since this section of the Code was established, DGIF has gone through significant reorganizations and only four law enforcement districts now exist. With the removal of the language dictating the number of positions required to administer the hunter education program, it is possible that the agency may utilize the positions to support other program areas. Any savings that may result will be minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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