

Virginia Retirement System 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1360

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

2. Patron: Norment

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Commonwealth's Attorneys Training Fund.

5. Summary: Establishes the Commonwealth's Attorneys Training Fund to be used for the purpose of supporting prosecutor training and law-enforcement training.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VRS and the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The engrossed version of this bill makes technical language changes to the introduced version. The changes do not affect the fiscal impact estimate.

This bill establishes a special fund for the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council (CASC), to provide financial assistance for the training of prosecutors and related staff across the state. Monies in the fund will be the proceeds of a settlement in *United States v. Abbott Laboratories*. The legislation also dictates in what manner money may be withdrawn from the fund on an annual basis. The fund is to be expended solely for the purpose of supporting prosecutor training and law-enforcement training consistent with the settlement agreement referenced in the legislation. An amount not to exceed six percent of the moving average of the market value of the Fund calculated over the previous five years or since inception, whichever is shorter, on a one-year delayed basis, net of administrative fees, may be expended in any one calendar year.

Under the proposed legislation, VRS would manage the investment of the funds in a manner similar to the management of the Commonwealth Health Research Fund (CHRF), as provided in the *Code of Virginia* § 51.1-124.36. As with the CHRF, VRS will have full

discretion over the investment of CASC's special fund in accordance with §§ 51.1-124.32, 51.1-124.33, 51.1-124.34, and 51.1-124.35, and provide for a separate accounting of the fund's assets. No officer, director, or member of the Board or of any advisory committee of the Virginia Retirement System will be liable for any losses incurred to the extent that the investments are managed in keeping with the prudent person standard, as articulated in the legislation.

VRS is permitted to assess CASC a reasonable administrative fee for the investment services provided.

This bill is identical to HB2222 as engrossed.

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