

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1458-H1

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

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Committee on Appropriations

4. Title: Law enforcement, local; fees for concealed handgun permits, courthouse and courtroom security.

5. Summary: This substitute eliminates the fee for concealed handgun permits that a local law-enforcement agency is permitted to charge for conducting the background investigation for a concealed handgun permit and it eliminates the requirement that the local law-enforcement agency forward the amount assessed by the FBI to the State Police. The substitute also eliminates the clerk's fee for processing an application or permit; whereas the introduced bill would have made this fee optional. The bill also increases the maximum cost of criminal or traffic cases in district or circuit court that a county or city may assess from \$10 to \$20.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See Item 8

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal Impact Estimates Are Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill has no material fiscal impact on the Virginia State Police and there is not enough data available to determine the net fiscal impact on localities.

According to figures provided by Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), in FY 2016 localities received \$14 million in revenue from courthouse/courtroom security fees. Assuming the same number of cases each year, and doubling the fee from \$10 to \$20 as proposed in the legislation, it is expected that the local revenue generated each year would increase by \$14 million to \$28 million.

According to the estimate of local fiscal impact issued by the Commission on Local Government on January 11, 2017, some localities have evaluated a net negative fiscal impact ranging from \$8,000 to \$150,000 per locality due to the elimination of the concealed weapon permit fee.

According to the Compensation Board (Board), the elimination of the concealed handgun permit application fee would result in loss revenue to the state general fund and localities. Based on best available data, the estimated revenue loss to state would be \$847,000 and the estimated revenue loss to localities would be \$240,000.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Compensation Board and local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: