

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB297

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

**2. Patron:** Lucas

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Line of Duty Act; certain employees of the Department of Corrections.

**5. Summary:** Expands the definition of a deceased person under the Line of Duty Act to include employees of the Department of Corrections with internal investigations authority whose death or injury occurs as a direct or proximate result of the performance of their duty. Such employees would become eligible for the health insurance and death benefits prescribed under the Line of Duty Act.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, item 394

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	N/A
2017	\$11,347	General
2018	\$11,347	General
2019	\$11,347	General
2020	\$11,347	General
2021	\$11,347	General
2022	\$11,347	General

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would add employees of the Department of Corrections with internal investigations authority as personnel who are eligible to receive benefits under the Line of Duty Act (LODA). Each agency is assessed a per person premium for each LODA eligible employee. The Virginia Retirement System (VRS) manages the Line of Duty Act Fund (“the Fund”) and the VRS Board of Trustees establishes the premium to be charged per each eligible employee. For the 2016-2018 biennium the VRS Board of Trustees established a premium of \$567.37 per each LODA eligible employee.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) indicates that under the provisions of this bill, 20 additional employees would be eligible for LODA benefits, which would increase the agency’s LODA bill by \$11,347 annually. The department indicates that these employees are

paid from the agency's general fund appropriation and so the additional premium would be a general fund cost.

The premium is calculated each biennium by VRS and is based on generating enough revenue for the Fund to pay for the ongoing health and death benefits for eligible employees and the administrative costs of the program incurred by the Department of Accounts (DOA) and VRS. This fiscal impact statement assumes a level premium after fiscal year 2018, however, the premium may change based on the costs paid from the Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Accounts, Department of Corrections, and Virginia Retirement System

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

C: Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Virginia Retirement System  
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