

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB523

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

2. **Patron:** McPike

3. **Committee:** Finance

4. **Title:** Line of Duty Act; firefighters and emergency medical services trainees.

5. **Summary:** Adds language that clarifies that Line of Duty Act eligible employees who are members of any fire company or department or emergency medical services agency that has been recognized by an ordinance or a resolution of the governing body of any county, city, or town of the Commonwealth as an integral part of the official safety program of such county, city, or town who are also enrolled in a Fire Service Training course offered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs are eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Act.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Accounts (DOA) indicates that this legislation will not have a state fiscal impact, as this legislation would not expand Line of Duty Act (LODA) eligibility. As drafted, the bill requires that those individuals enrolled in a Fire Service Training course offered by the Virginia Department of Fire Program (VD FP) already be members of a fire company, department, or emergency medical services agency that has been recognized by an ordinance or a resolution of the governing body of any county, city, or town of the Commonwealth as an integral part of the official safety program of such county, city, or town. Such members are already eligible for LODA benefits and thus this legislation would not expand eligibility.

This legislation applies primarily to local employees. Per DOA's comments that this bill would not expand eligibility, the bill is not expected to create a fiscal impact to localities.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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