

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1599

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

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: Definition of law-enforcement officer

5. Summary:

Current law defines what local and state employees are considered law-enforcement officers. The proposed legislation would add to the list members of the investigations unit designated by the State Inspector General to investigate the allegations of criminal behavior of a state or non-state agency.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Inclusion of these employees in the definition of law-enforcement officer will make them eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Act. State agencies are billed an annual premium by the Virginia Retirement System to pay for Line of Duty Act benefits and administration. The VRS Board of Trustees has established a premium of \$705.77 per employee for each eligible employee in fiscal years 2019 and 2020. The Office of the State Inspector General reports that the agency has eight employees that would qualify under the provisions of this bill; therefore, the agency would have an annual bill from VRS of \$5,646.16 for Line of Duty Act premiums.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Office of the State Inspector General
Virginia Retirement System

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.