

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB423

<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:** Price

**3. Committee:** House Committee on Public Safety

**4. Title:** Gun Violence Survivor Assistance Fund and Grant Program; established.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation establishes the Gun Violence Survivor Assistance Fund and Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of providing grants to gun violence survivors who are in need of financial assistance to make accessibility adaptations to their homes to accommodate a disability resulting from a gun violence-related injury.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 406.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation establishes a nonreverting fund to be known as the Gun Violence Survivor Assistance Fund and Grant Program for the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to administer. The proposed legislation also specifies that the grants are to be distributed either directly to gun violence survivors or to an agency or locality for distribution to gun violence survivors who are in need of financial assistance to make accessibility adaptations to their homes to accommodate a disability resulting from a gun violence-related injury. The legislation requires DCJS to develop eligibility criteria for processing grant awards.

DCJS states that based on information available from the Virginia Department of Health regarding the annual number of hospitalizations of individuals resulting from a firearm injury, as well as information available from the Virginia State Police regarding the annual number of firearm injuries reported by law enforcement, it is estimated that there are approximately 400 individuals a year who survive gun-violence injury in Virginia. At this time, DCJS reports that it does not know how many of these survivors require modifications to their homes as a result of a disability resulting from a gun violence related injury.

DCJS does not administer any grants directly to individuals and as such does not have a mechanism in place to do so. Additionally, the agency believes the legislation could create additional workload. However, it is not clear how many grant applications would be submitted to DCJS for home accessibility adaptation. DCJS estimates it may need up to two additional grant monitors to administer the program if it is funded. A similar position earns approximately \$107,170 inclusive of benefits and personnel costs. Therefore, DCJS believes

that the fiscal impact will be approximately \$214,340 for two grant monitors to administer the program specified in the proposed legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.