

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1091

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Authorization of volunteer school security officers (SSO) by local school boards and private or religious schools.

5. Summary: The bill allows local school boards and private or religious schools to employ volunteer school security officers, giving these officers the same authority and restrictions as provided to full time school security officers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There are no anticipated fiscal implications from this legislation on state agencies. Any costs to local school divisions are indeterminate.

According to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), a SSO is not currently eligible for enhanced hazardous duty coverage since it is a position employed by a local school board, which does not provide for hazardous duty benefits within the VRS Teacher Plan. SSO's are also not included in the definition of individuals covered by Line of Duty Act (LODA) benefits. Volunteer SSOs, therefore, would also not be eligible for enhanced hazardous duty coverage or LODA benefits.

As noted by VRS, VRS employer contribution rates are established as a percentage of an employer's VRS-covered payroll. When a position is removed from VRS coverage by a return-to-work exception, volunteer service or otherwise, there is a decrease in the funding of retirement benefits. In particular, legacy unfunded liabilities will not be paid off as expected. While the impact of this bill is indeterminate, it would likely be limited as long as the volunteer population is relatively small.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, local school divisions, Virginia Retirement System

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None