

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1753

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Webert

3. Committee: Committee on Public Safety

4. Title: Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund and Program.

5. Summary: Establishes the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund (the Fund) and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program (the Program). The Fund and Program shall be overseen by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Disbursements from the Fund shall be made to law-enforcement agencies to pursue accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The legislation would create the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund. The Fund would be supported by gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf would be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund would remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year would not revert to the general fund but would remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund would be used solely for purposes of (i) awarding grants on a competitive basis through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program or (ii) implementing and administering the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program.

The Program would be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). In administering the Program, DCJS must establish and publish guidelines and criteria for grant awards, including guidelines and criteria governing agreements between the Department and grant recipients. DCJS would oversee each grant awarded through the Program and ensure thorough reporting on each such grant. According to DCJS, the administration of the Program would be absorbed within their existing appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Criminal Justice Services, law-enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.