

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1704

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

2. **Patron:** Bell

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Public elementary and secondary schools; reports of certain arrests and convictions; receipt, report.

5. **Summary:** Requires each division superintendent to annually designate an employee in the local school division as the division safety official whose duty is to receive all reports required to be made pursuant to relevant law. The bill requires each division superintendent to include such designation in the collated packet of school safety audits submitted to the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety pursuant to relevant law and requires the Center to designate an employee of the Center as the school personnel safety official for the Commonwealth whose duty is to compile, maintain, and make publicly available a list of each such division safety official and the contact information or such individual. The bill also provides that a probation and parole officer who is supervising a person employed by a local school division in the Commonwealth shall, upon discovering that such supervised person has been arrested or convicted of a felony offense or an equivalent offense in another state, report such arrest or conviction to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the designated division safety official in the local school division where such supervised person is employed as soon as practicable. Additionally, the bill requires all arresting officials, agencies, and clerks that report certain offenses to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or a division safety official to transmit the required reports via certified mail, return receipt requested, or to the identified fax numbers and email addresses. The bill finally requires, until July 1, 2027, that in the event that the law-enforcement agency has existing access to the Virginia Employment Commission records, all such arresting officials or agencies request in writing that the Virginia Employment Commission provide the name of the current employer of each arrested person for purposes of determining whether a report is required.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Education, Virginia Employment Commission, circuit and district courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB821.