

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1099H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Norment

3. Committee: House Committee on Education

4. Title: School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund

5. Summary: The bill amends § 9.1-110 (School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund) to establish that subject to the authority of the Board to provide for its disbursement, the Fund must be disbursed to award matching grants to local law-enforcement agencies and local school boards that have established a collaborative agreement in accordance with § 22.1-280.2:3 to employ uniformed school resource officers, as defined in § 9.1-101, school security officers, as defined in § 9.1-101, and other relevant school safety personnel within the relevant school division or law-enforcement agency as determined by the Department. Grants may be awarded for the expenses related to the equipment necessary for such uniformed school resource officers, school security officers, and other relevant school safety personnel and the enhancement of the school–law enforcement partnership through training and programming as determined by the Department.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the bill would allow the agency to use the Fund to fully cover the costs to equip school resource officers (SRO). Currently, the Fund covers salary and benefits costs only.

In addition to covering equipment costs, the bill would allow DCJS to use the Fund to cover the costs of SRO mentoring programs and to allow law enforcement agencies to use other safety personnel and the enhancement of the school–law enforcement partnership through training and programming as determined by the Department.

DCJS indicates that existing Fund appropriations are sufficient to cover the provisions of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None