

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB825

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; background checks; the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

5. Summary: Provides that the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind is deemed a governmental entity for the purpose of receiving from the Central Criminal Records Exchange criminal history record information pertaining to an application for employment. The bill also provides that the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind is subject to the same requirement of each local school board that all applicants for employment as instructional personnel at such school, or for employment as a contractor who shall have direct contact with students on school property during regular school hours or during school-sponsored activities, be required to provide data on prior convictions for certain crimes and submit to fingerprinting for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information on such applicants.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of this bill. The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) currently requires a background check and fingerprinting for every applicant before hired, and those costs are paid by VSDB from its existing appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, Virginia State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None