

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB295

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Norment

**3. Committee**    Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            School safety personnel.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This legislation proposes to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-101, 9.1-102, 9.1-110, 9.1-184, 15.2-1737, and 19.2-13 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-280.2:1, to define a school resource officer as a trained, certified law enforcement officer hired by a local law enforcement agency to provide law enforcement and security services to Virginia public elementary and secondary schools and as a school security officer as an individual who is employed by the local school board for the singular purpose of maintaining order and discipline, preventing crime, investigating violations of school board policies, and detaining and apprehending persons violating the law or school board policies on school property or at school-sponsored events and who is responsible solely for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in the assigned school. The measure also directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime Commission, to establish compulsory minimum standards for employment and job entry and in-service training curricula and certification requirements for school security officers; the training and certification will be administered by the Virginia Center for School Safety. School security officers are precluded from appointment as conservators of the peace and as special police officers. A second enactment clause provides that the training and employment standards will be applicable to persons employed as school security officers on and after September 15, 2003.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary:** See item #8.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2001-02            |                |                  |             |
| 2002-03            | 300,000        | 2                | GF          |
| 2003-04            | 300,000        | 2                | GF          |

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item #432.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The legislation directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to develop, in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime Commission, the compulsory minimum standards for employment, in-service training and certification requirements for school security officers and charges the Virginia Center for School Safety with administering the application of those standards. The department advises that it would require approximately \$300,000 and two FTE to meet the requirements of the

legislation, as the Virginia Center for School Safety has been largely unfunded since its inception.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services advises that it is important to note that it is aware that budget amendments for \$615,730 and three FTE for each year of the upcoming biennium have been introduced to fully fund the Center. If those amendments pass, the agency will have sufficient resources to meet the requirements of this legislation and the other mandates of the Center.

The Department of Education advises that while the legislation calls for the development of standards, it states that local school boards may hire school security officers and school resource officers but does not compel them to, therefore there is no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Education, Criminal Justice Services, Virginia Crime Commission and local school systems.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** This bill is identical to HB498.

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