

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2344S1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: House Committee on Appropriations

4. Title: School safety; threat assessment teams

5. Summary: Requires the Virginia Center for School Safety to provide technical assistance to Virginia school divisions in the development and implementation of threat assessment-based protocols. The bill also requires local school divisions to establish threat assessment teams under the oversight of the division superintendent.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 393

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation requires the Virginia Center for School Safety (“The Center”), which is a division of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to collaborate with the Departments of State Police, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Education to develop a model critical incident response training program. Contingent upon funding, the Center is required to provide technical assistance to local school divisions in the development and implementation of initiatives promoting school safety, including threat assessment-based protocols.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services believes this legislation will have a fiscal impact on its agency operations; however, it is not possible to quantify the magnitude of the impact. It is also possible for local Community Services Boards (CSB) could be impacted. If local CSB’s are required to be part of threat assessment teams at each school, there is the possibility of a significant local fiscal impact. The amount of time and resources CSB emergency and children’s services staff would have to devote is unknown.

The impact of the legislation on the Department of Education and local school divisions is still being evaluated at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Education, Department of State Police, local Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: In a letter to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance dated February 11, 2013, Governor McDonnell requested \$202,300 be included in the conference report for the Department of Criminal Justice Services to cover anticipated training costs. This bill is similar to HB2345.

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