

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2609ER

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

2. Patron: Jones, J.C.

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: School resource officer training.

5. Summary: The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to establish compulsory minimum training standards for certification and recertification of law-enforcement officers serving as school resource officers. Such training must be specific to the role and responsibility of a law-enforcement officer working with students in a school environment. The bill requires that every full-time or part-time law-enforcement officer employed as a school resource officer after July 1, 2020, must comply with the compulsory minimum training standards for school resource officers established by the Board within a period of time fixed by the Board and DCJS shall ensure that such required training is available throughout the Commonwealth.

Lastly, the bill includes a provision that requires each school board to ensure that every public school it supervises employs at least one school administrator who has completed either in-person or online, if available, school safety training for public school personnel conducted by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Item 392 of the introduced budget bill (HB1700/SB1100) includes an appropriation to support this legislation.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) currently provides training to school resource officers who are supported by state funding. The Governor's introduced budget (HB1700/SB1100) provides one position and \$427,630 to enable the agency to provide basic training to every school resource officer, as required by the substitute bill.

The Governor's introduced budget (HB1700/SB1100) also provides \$1,336,780 and six positions for school safety programs and to provide training and technical assistance related to school safety, which may be used by the agency to provide training for school administrators.

Any costs to local school divisions due to the provisions of this proposal are indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services; Local law-enforcement agencies; School divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: The Conference Report provides \$871,890 and three positions (Item 392 #4c) to enhance school safety training.