

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1012S1

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

2. Patron: Chase

3. Committee: House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Concealed weapon carried by firefighters and emergency medical services providers

5. Summary: The substitute bill provides that any firefighter or person employed as emergency medical services personnel or volunteer emergency medical services personnel who has a valid resident concealed handgun permit may carry a concealed handgun while engaging in the performance of his official duties if approval as by granted by his fire chief or emergency medical services chief.

The bill requires any fire department, volunteer fire department, emergency medical services agency or volunteer medical services agency that authorizes its employees to carry a concealed handgun while engaged in the performance of their official duties to develop a written policy regarding such authorizations and best practices in carrying a concealed handgun.

The bill also requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health and the Department of Fire Programs, to develop a model policy regarding carrying a concealed handgun for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 393

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Fire Programs (“VDFP”), the proposed bill would likely require the agency to create a guidance policy and update the aid-to-localities (ATL) policy; however, these updates are not expected to create a material fiscal impact. Current ATL policy permits the purchase of bulletproof vests; however, does not allow the purchase of weapons or associated ammunition.

According to the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health, the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact.

According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (“DCJS”), the agency does not currently have the subject matter experts necessary to understand the responsibilities and duties of firefighters, volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services personnel or volunteer emergency medical services providers. Based on DCJS’ experience in developing similar guidance documents and model policies, the agency estimates needing \$43,500 to cover the anticipated fiscal impact of the proposed bill.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Fire Programs, Department of Health, local firefighters, volunteer firefighters, local emergency medical services personnel and volunteer emergency medical services providers.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** None