

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

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Bill: SB1130

Patron: Locke

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In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

Bill Summary:

School resource officers; training and certification; memoranda of understanding. Requires each school resource officer to be trained and certified by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. The bill expands the topics on which school security officers are required to be trained. The bill also requires any school board that agrees to place school resource officers in any school in the school division and the relevant local law-enforcement agency to establish and annually review and update a memorandum of understanding (MOU) governing the use and duties of school resource officers, and ensure that all relevant parties receive initial and ongoing training on the contents of such MOU.

Executive Summary:

Localities have evaluated a negative fiscal impact ranging from \$0.00 - \$1,770,000.00. There was considerable variation regarding the local fiscal estimates. Some localities noted that the fiscal impact of this bill is minimal because their school resource officers are already trained by local police officers, so the remaining cost would be associated with reviewing the MOU's. Of those localities responding with an impact, noted that their school resource officers are full time police officers, but requiring school security officers to be trained to the level of a police officers, could impose costs related to training, registration, lodging, meals, and travel, and the cost would be higher if the attendance is required at the annual school safety training forum. One locality did not provide any costs, but noted that if the mandate is not funded including backfill for overtime, this could be a significant financial burden on the locality.

Local Analysis:

Locality: City of Danville

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Per Danville Police Department: Of the three School Resource Officer's on staff, all have received the training required in the bill, so no additional costs are foreseen. The city currently have 5 SRO positions, three of which are filled, with the city covering the cost for four and the school system covering one. Any additional SROs would require a FT salary + training. The MOU requirements would not pose any additional costs.

Locality: City of Harrisonburg

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

No financial impact as this is already being done between city schools and police department.

Locality: City of Lynchburg

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$12,096.00

Required training breakdown for six (6) local SROs. Training related to basic, SRO, and Gang are customary. The additional information, regarding the review of the MOU's, is estimated it would take 2 hours which would be around \$56 dollars. (Sgt to review MOU with School Admin)

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**Locality:** City of Newport News

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:**  
\$1,770,000.00

All School Resource Officers are full time Newport News Police Officers. If current School Security Officers (59 positions) are trained to the level of a police officer, annual cost of initial training for a minimum of \$1.7 million.

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Locality: City of Norfolk

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

The City of Norfolk expects minimal impact from this bill. School resources officers already receive extra training outside of what is mandated. Additional training is not expected to cause any significant disruption or fiscal impact.

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**Locality:** City of Virginia Beach

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$50,000.00

The City of Virginia Beach employs 30 School Resource Officers. The training as envisioned by this bill would likely be a week long, and would be on-site. Therefore, Virginia Beach would have to be lodging, meals, travel, and potentially registration costs for the training. We assume this will take place in Richmond. Should that be the cost, the average cost of a hotel room is \$150, the federal GSA per diem rate is \$66 per day, and mileage reimbursement would cost over \$100 per car, with registration costs unknown. We estimate the per person cost of this requirement would be \$1,000 for lodging, \$500 for food, \$125 for registration, and \$100 for 15 cars at a carpool of 2 per vehicle. This adds up to roughly \$50,000. This cost would be recurring at some portion because the code section amended by the bill calls for in-service training as well.

In addition, should attendance be required at the annual School Safety Training Forum, this would cost more. In between registration (\$3,750) and possibly hotels if the event was not held at its 2018 location, the Hampton Roads Convention Center, the cost of attendance could be upwards of \$10,000 more.

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Locality: City of Winchester

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Minimal impact, we are doing most of the items now

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**Locality:** Fairfax County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

This would add to the training currently provided by the Fairfax County Police Department. Unless funded by the state, including backfill for overtime, this could place a large financial burden on the County. It's not possible to quantify the magnitude of the fiscal impact at this time.

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Locality: Rappahannock County

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$500.00

The superintendent of our local schools suggested that fiscal impact would be limited to paying counsel to review the MOU and be limited to approximately \$500.

Unfortunately, our Sheriff has not gotten back to me regarding likely the more expensive fiscal impact related to having her SRO's obtain the necessary training.

