

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB5063

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: House Committee on Public Safety

4. Title: Department of Criminal Justice Services; powers and duties of Director; law-enforcement training standards.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation eliminates the Committee on Training (§9.1-112, Code of Virginia) that currently exists under the Criminal Justice Services Board (the Board) as the policy-making body responsible to the Board for effecting the compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers, deputy sheriffs, jail and correctional officers, and dispatchers and gives those responsibilities to the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, pursuant to § 9.1-112, the Committee on Training (COT) is the policy-making body responsible for effecting the compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers, deputy sheriffs, jail and correctional officers, and dispatchers. According to Department Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), training standards are drafted and updated by the Curriculum Review Committees (CRCs), a voluntary body, for final approval by the COT. The CRCs are established pursuant to regulation promulgated by DCJS and only reports to the COT. Specifically, CRCs review performance outcomes, training objectives, criteria, and lesson plan guides and present recommendations for revisions to the COT. The agency and the Director only facilitate this process.

The proposed legislation repeals § 9.1-112 (Committee on Training; membership) and transfers those responsibilities to the Director of DCJS.

If the legislation is enacted, the current review process, conducted by the CRCs would no longer continue. The CRCs regulation may need to be amended to remove the existing approval authority granted to the COT, and replace it with the Director. The CRCs appears to exist for purposes of making recommendation to the members of the Committee on Training. To the extent the Director cannot review the CRCs recommendations, the agency believes it will need to secure subject matter expertise to carry out the responsibilities of the CRCs. Currently, the agency only has one position dedicated to supporting the COT and CRCs. As such, DCJS reports that updating the training standards would require contracting the

services of specialists in order to secure the requisite subject matter expertise to draft and update training standards and performance outcomes. This task would include analyzing the current standards, researching best practices, and drafting performance outcomes and objectives. However the cost for these services is unknown at this time without conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP). Therefore, the immediate fiscal impact on agency operations as a result of the legislation cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: the Department of Criminal Justice Services, state and local law-enforcement entities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: DCJS reports that having to issue an RFP to secure the services of specialists will likely delay the process of updating law-enforcement training standards.