

Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB5113

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Crisis intervention team training; appropriation.

5. Summary: This bill appropriates a sum sufficient from the general appropriation act for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2022, to provide basic and advanced crisis intervention team training pursuant to Article 13 (§ 9.1-187 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 of the Code of Virginia (Establishment of crisis intervention team programs) to all state and local law-enforcement officers in the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill appropriates a sum sufficient to cover the costs of providing crisis intervention training (CIT) for all state and local law-enforcement officers in Virginia. According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), there are 22,280 law-enforcement officers who may be affected by this bill.

The bill references § 9.1-187, Code of Virginia, however, it does not designate which state agency, DCJS or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), cited in this section will have responsibility for developing and providing the training. Currently, Item 322 of Chapter 1289, 2020 Acts of Assembly, provides \$657,648 in FY2021 and \$657,648 in FY2022 from the general fund for Community Services Boards to fund CIT programs in six rural communities. DCJS has responsibility for establishing training standards for law-enforcement officers in Virginia.

In order to accurately estimate the costs for a CIT program, several variables need to be determined including: the number of officers who will require training; when the initial training must be complete; the cost to train each officer; the required frequency of refresh training; and other costs associated with managing and implementing the program. At this time, sufficient information is not available to determine if all 22,280 law-enforcement will require the training.

According to information provided by DCJS, CIT training is currently available through the Virginia CIT Coalition (VACIT). The cost for a 40-hour CIT class, which is capped at 25 participants, is \$33,600. The cost for each class covers presentations made and resources

provided by mental health professionals, trained CIT officers, and an attorney, course equipment and materials, travel expenses for field visits, and program coordination. If the intent of the proposed legislation is for all 22,280 law-enforcement officers in Virginia to participate in this level of training, the total for contracting with VACIT would cost approximately \$30 million.

Alternatively, DCJS estimates that if the agency were to develop a CIT curriculum, it could cost between \$75,000 (for a 40-hour training program without any online components) and \$538,200 (for a 40-hour training program with eLearning modules). Given the intended breadth of this system and the numbers of individuals who would need to go through this training (initial and refresher courses), DCJS believes that the most practicable method of training would be to develop a hybrid curriculum that includes some components of eLearning modules for online delivery in addition to in-person instruction and practical exercises. DCJS also believes that including online, eLearning modules also would likely be the most cost effective method for long-term implementation. Determinations will need to be made regarding the length of training, the number of hours that could be delivered online, and the number of hours that would need to be in-person.

In addition to developing the CIT curriculum, there would be costs associated with delivering the training to participants; however, DCJS cannot estimate the costs for delivering the training at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Behavioral Health, local law-enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None