Department of Planning and Budget
2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1691

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

2. **Patron:** Greenhalgh

3. **Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

4. **Title:** School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund

5. **Summary:** Currently, the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund is disbursed to award matching grants to local law-enforcement agencies and local school boards that have established a collaborative agreement to employ uniformed school resource officers, in middle and high schools within the relevant school division. The proposed bill provides that the Fund must be disbursed to award matching grants to local law-enforcement agencies and local school boards that have established a collaborative agreement in accordance with §22.1-280.2:3 (school boards, safety and security personnel) to employ uniformed school resource officers, and school security officers, as defined in § 9.1-101 and other relevant school safety personnel within the relevant school division or law-enforcement agency as determined by the Department. Grants may be awarded for the expenses related to the equipment necessary for such uniformed school resource officers, school security officers, and other relevant school safety personnel and the enhancement of the school–law enforcement partnership through training and programming as determined by the Department.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the proposed bill would allow the agency to use the Fund to fully cover the costs to equip school resource officers (SRO). Currently, the Fund covers salary and benefits costs only.

   In addition to covering outfitting and equipment costs, the bill would allow DCJS to use the Fund to cover the costs of SRO mentoring programs and to allow law enforcement agencies to use other safety personnel and the enhancement of the school–law enforcement partnership through training and programming as determined by the Department.

   DCJS indicates that existing Fund appropriations are sufficient to cover the provisions of this bill.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None