

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1936

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Plum

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Establishment of Virginia Firearm Buy-Back Program and Fund.

5. Summary: Provides that no local law enforcement agency may participate in a program in which individuals are given a thing of value provided by another individual or other entity in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the locality or agent of such locality unless it is participating in the Virginia Firearm Buy-Back Program (“the Program”). The bill directs the Department of State Police (VSP) to develop policies for the establishment of uniform standards for the creation of the Program. VSP is required to inform local law enforcement agencies of the policies and procedures to be used, provide guidelines on implementation, and establish a formula for determining the monetary incentive for a surrendered firearm. The bill provides that the establishment of the Program by a local law enforcement agency is voluntary. The identity of any person who surrenders a firearm is to be kept confidential. The bill also creates the Virginia Firearm Buy-Back Fund, which is to be used solely for the purposes of development and implementation of the Program, including assisting local law enforcement agencies with implementation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police, the proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. Any potential fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.