

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1994

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Minimum qualifications for law-enforcement officers; citizenship; waiver.

5. Summary: The proposed bill allows individuals who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence who have resided in the United States for no less than 60 months and who are both eligible for and have applied for United States citizenship to qualify for the positions of chief of police and all police officers of any locality, all deputy sheriffs and jail officers in the Commonwealth, and all law-enforcement officers.

The bill also allows any agency or department employing law-enforcement officers to hire, recruit, or refer an individual who is a citizen of the United States over another individual who meets such qualifications if such individuals are equally qualified.

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, the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on agency resources. Any fiscal impact on local law-enforcement agencies is unknown at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None