

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1139 S1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Boysko

3. Committee: Judiciary

4. Title: Firearms; storage in residence where minor present, penalty.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor under 18 years of age or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm resides to store such firearm and the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible to such minor or prohibited person. Violations of this provision are punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill contains exceptions to this provision.

The bill requires every dealer, as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2, Code of Virginia, to post in a conspicuous manner at the premises of such dealer a notice announcing the penalty.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None