

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB250ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Glass

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Law-enforcement officers; interrogation practices.

5. Summary: Provides the Department of Criminal Justice Services with the power and duty to establish a comprehensive framework for the custodial and noncustodial interrogation of adults and juveniles by law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth, which shall include (i) developing model policies and procedures for interrogation practices, including guidance on when the use of the following is considered lawful: (a) false promises of leniency, (b) misleading statements regarding evidence or statements of witnesses or co-conspirators, and (c) inauthentic replica documents or computer-generated audiovisual evidence; (ii) establishing and publishing a model policy for conducting such interrogations to serve as a guideline for criminal justice agencies in the Commonwealth; and (iii) establishing compulsory minimum training standards for basic training and recertification of law-enforcement officers on conducting such interrogations.

The bill provides that the Department has to establish and publish such model policy by January 1, 2025. The bill also requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to July 1, 2024, to complete the training required by the bill by January 1, 2028.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 391.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), to meet the requirements of the proposed bill, DCJS will need to contract with consultants and subject matter experts to develop the model policy and training standards. DCJS anticipates a one-time cost of \$125,000 for consultants/subject matter experts to develop the model policy and training standards. The cost estimate is based on the agency's experience developing model policies, training standards, and curriculum. The agency does not believe it will need additional FTEs as a result of this proposal. However, there are several bills under consideration that require DCJS to develop additional new model policies. Should all these bills pass and be enacted, the agency believes additional staff could be required to develop and new model policies and training standards.

DCJS reports that this bill will also have a fiscal impact on local and regional law enforcement training academies. Additional trainers and training sessions will be required to deliver this training. However, the cost associated with training delivery at local and regional law enforcement training academies is not known.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, law enforcement agencies, local and regional law enforcement training academies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.