

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB637

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

2. **Patron:** Sullivan

3. **Committee:** Committee on Public Safety

4. **Title:** Substantial risk orders; training program.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a Substantial Risk Order Training Program for the purposes of training law-enforcement agencies, judiciary staff, and other public institutions throughout the Commonwealth to use and implement the substantial risk order law. The bill states that the programming shall provide training regarding proper procedures to follow, the circumstances under which the law can be used, the benefits to public safety from proper use of the law, and the harm that may ensue from the law not being used when lawfully available. The Program shall also include efforts to educate the public on and increase awareness of the substantial risk order law. Under the bill, \$2 million of funds allocated to the Commonwealth pursuant to the federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program shall be used for Program purposes.

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), there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the agency's operations. The federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funding referenced in the bill was a formula grant awarded to DCJS last year and was part of the federal Safer Communities Act. There is administrative funding associated with the grant and if the legislation is implemented, DCJS would have funding to carry it out.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services, state and local law enforcement agencies, Courts, local school divisions, public institutions of higher education.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.