

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB145

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

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Criminal Justice Services Board; special conservators of the peace and private security services.

5. Summary: Requires the compulsory minimum, entry-level, and in-service training standards for armed special conservators of the peace established by the Criminal Justice Services Board to include patrol rifle classroom training. The bill also requires the regulations adopted by the Board establishing training standards for persons employed by private security services businesses to allow a special conservator of the peace who (i) has completed entry-level hand gun training for special conservators of the peace, (ii) is employed by an institution of higher education that has a memorandum of understanding with the local law-enforcement agency, and (iii) has the approval of the attorney for the Commonwealth responsible for the jurisdiction where he is employed to complete the entry-level patrol rifle classroom training required as part of the firearm training for private security services business personnel who carry or have immediate access to a firearm while on duty regardless of whether such individual has successfully completed security officer handgun training.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will require the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to update the existing regulations for Special Conservators of the Peace (SCOP) to include patrol rifle classroom training to the compulsory minimum, entry-level, and in-service training standards for armed SCOP. DCJS would also be responsible for verifying completion of this training course by armed SCOPs. According to DCJS, any fiscal impact to the agency is expected to be minimal or offset by fees generated.

The bill provides that for armed special conservators of the peace, the compulsory minimum, entry-level, and in-service training standards must include patrol rifle classroom training. According to DCJS, there are approximately 370 SCOPs in the Commonwealth currently regulated by DCJS's Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services that would be required to complete a patrol rifle training course if they sought licensure as an armed SCOP. The cost for the patrol rifle course completed by private security services business personnel varies by training school but averages \$250-\$300. Additionally, existing armed SCOPs would be

charged \$45 for a replacement card to indicate the added endorsement unless they otherwise waited for their scheduled license renewal period.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.