Department of Planning and Budget
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1554 **Patron:** Williams
Bill Title: Funding for deputy sheriffs.

Bill Summary: Provides that the minimum number of deputies funded by the Compensation Board shall be one deputy per 1,500 persons or one deputy for every 25 square miles, whichever is greater. Under current law, the funding is fixed at one deputy per 1,500 persons only. The provisions of the bill apply to counties and cities without a police force.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 60
Explanation: Additional funding required to support sheriffs' offices

Fiscal Summary: Bill changes the way the number of funded deputy sheriffs in certain localities is calculated.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Compensation Board		$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million
TOTAL		$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million	$13.5 million

Fiscal Analysis: According to information provided by the Compensation Board, 86 county sheriffs in Virginia are responsible for providing primary law enforcement in their localities. The Compensation Board reports that expanding the criteria to calculate the greater of at least one deputy for every 1,500 people (established ratio) or at least one deputy for every 25 square miles in the county or city (ratio added by the bill) would impact 38 localities and increase the number of deputies needed by approximately 247 at an estimated cost of $13.5 million from the general fund in FY 2026.

Other: None