

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2441

Patron: O'Quinn

Bill Title: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees; authority to permit campus security officers to carry firearms in performance of official duties; conditions.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to permit campus security personnel employed in its campus security department to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, provided that such campus security personnel are considered armed security officers, as such term is defined in relevant law, and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements attendant to such designation, including registration and training.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: Any costs to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education can be absorbed, therefore no budget amendment is necessary. Any fiscal impact on the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) through workers' compensation premiums is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

Fiscal Analysis: Armed security officers, as well as their training, will be paid for out of existing general fund appropriation to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. The armed security officer registration cost from the Department of Criminal Justice Services is \$74 (\$39 registration fee, \$25 criminal history processing fee, and \$10 Firearm Endorsement fee) per officer. The security officer will also need firearm training that is provided by a third-party certified training school. The cost of such training can range from \$150 to \$500 per officer.

These security officers are not eligible for the Virginia Law Officers Retirement System (VALORS) or Line of Duty Act (LODA) benefits. Additionally, registering and training new armed security officers has no additional fiscal impact on the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Any fiscal impact on the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) through workers' compensation premiums is indeterminate.

Other: Identical to SB1368.