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

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Bill Number: HB2033 Patron: Simonds

Bill Title: Department of Criminal Justice Services; alcoholic beverage control retail licensees and

employees; training on human trafficking.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop an online course for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to offer to retail licensees and their employees to train such licensees and employees to recognize and report instances of suspected human trafficking. The bill also requires the certified alcohol server or seller training that a retail licensee may offer its employees that allows a reduction in the length of any suspension or the amount of any civil penalty imposed for a license violation to include a course developed or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 392

Explanation: Additional funding is required to support one wage employee. One-time funding is also

required for initial course development.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the agency anticipates \$50,000 in one-time expenses to develop a course on human trafficking for Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) retail licensees and their employees. DCJS also anticipates the need for one additional wage employee as a result of the proposed legislation, at a cost of \$56,516 annually.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>FY2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> | <u>FY2028</u> | <u>FY2029</u> | <u>FY2030</u> |
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| DCJS | | \$106,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 |
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| TOTAL | | \$106,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 | \$56,516 |

Fiscal Analysis: Currently, there is no training course on human trafficking developed by DCJS specifically for ABC retail licensees and their employees. Under the provisions of this bill, DCJS would be required to develop such an online course. DCJS anticipates \$50,000 in one-time general fund costs to develop a course on human trafficking for retail ABC licensees and their employees.

Pursuant to the proposed bill, DCJS would also need to review and approve alternative training courses, if such courses were submitted by ABC retail licensees. DCJS anticipates the need for one additional wage employee to review training, provide assistance, and periodically update courses. The estimated cost for one wage employee is \$56,516 (includes hourly rate of \$35 and FICA).

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According to ABC, any costs related to this legislation can be absorbed through their regular training review and update process.

Other: The fiscal implications of this bill are based on the assumption that ABC will host the human trafficking training on the ABC training platform.