Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2474 **Patron:** Higgins
Bill Title: School resource officers and school security officers; crisis intervention training.

Bill Summary: Requires compulsory minimum training standards for school resource officers and school security officers to include crisis intervention training.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 391
Explanation: Additional funding required for the agency to host training.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the agency anticipates an annual cost of $120,000 to host Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for School Security Officers (SSOs).

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
DCJS	$0	$120,000	$120,000	$120,000	$120,000	$120,000
TOTAL	**$0**	**$120,000**	**$120,000**	**$120,000**	**$120,000**	**$120,000**

Fiscal Analysis: As part of the current law enforcement basic certification courses, certified law enforcement officers must receive CIT training as described in this bill. Given that School Resource Officers (SROs) are certified law enforcement officers, SROs have already received CIT training. Therefore, it is not necessary for every SRO to complete additional CIT training available at DCJS. However, SSOs are civilian school personnel and do not receive the CIT training required by this bill.

Currently, there is only one CIT training course available at DCJS, a 40-hour advanced training course. The bill would require DCJS to provide the 40-hour CIT training course to SSOs as part of the SSO certification. At this time, DCJS reports that there are 2141 certified SSOs, all of which will be required to take the CIT training according to the proposed bill. Once the SSOs complete the initial training, they will have to recertify every two years. The cost for the 40-hour CIT course varies depending on where in Virginia the course is held. Based on historical costs, DCJS estimates each training will cost between $8,000 to $10,000. DCJS anticipates the need to host this course approximately 10-12 times per year, resulting in a total ongoing annual cost of $120,000.

Other: None