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

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Bill Number:SB1204Patron:MulchiBill Title:Hunter education program personnel.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Wildlife Resources to staff the hunter education program with appropriate personnel to ensure that hunter education, training, workshops, and volunteer management are carried out across the Commonwealth. Currently, the Board is required to establish at least one full-time hunter education coordinator position for each Department of Wildlife Resources administrative region, and each coordinator is assigned to a conservation police officer district and has the responsibility for providing hunter education training throughout his administrative region.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will result in indeterminate cost efficiencies to DWR.

Fiscal Analysis: This fiscal impact is preliminary. The anticipated fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, as it depends on the Board of Wildlife Resources' determination of an appropriate staffing level in the hunter education program. DWR anticipates indeterminate potential cost efficiencies if the requirement to support at least one full-time hunter education coordinator position for each administrative region is eliminated.