

Department of Planning and Budget
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possible religious tradition would require significant expertise. Subject matter experts on an estimated 10,000 distinct religious traditions would need to be found and their services employed. An analysis of different religious traditions would then need to be undertaken from a security/law enforcement perspective. Regulations regarding training and standards for law enforcement and security officers would also need to be significantly revised and expanded to accommodate the analysis of each religious tradition. DCJS reports that it would also need to substantially expand and update its training records database (TRACER) to allow for tracking of the completion of the new training standards by current law enforcement officers. DCJS anticipates a one-time cost of \$150,000 for subject matter experts on religious traditions to analyze them and create appropriate security measures. DCJS also anticipates the need for one criminal justice analyst to develop the new Compulsory Minimum Training Standards and support requisite regulatory changes. This position would have an estimated annual salary of \$85,000, plus \$38,250 in fringe benefits, for a total cost of \$123,250.

Furthermore, the bill would establish the Religious Place of Worship Security Services Fund to be administered by DCJS. The purpose of this fund would be to obtain or hire a law-enforcement officer, unarmed security officer, or armed security officer to provide security at a religious place of worship during any religious services or activities. DCJS anticipates the need for one grant monitor to review grant applications and monitor available funds, as outlined in the bill, if the General Assembly decides to capitalize this Fund. This position would have an estimated annual salary of \$75,000, plus \$33,750 in fringe benefits, for a total cost of \$108,750.

Other: None