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

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Bill Number: SB1492 **Patron:** Marsden

Bill Title: Mass Violence Care Fund established.

Bill Summary: Creates within the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund the Mass Violence Care Fund as a subfund for the purpose of reimbursing victims or claimants of mass violence, defined in the bill, for unreimbursed medical expenses related to a mass violence event, defined in the bill. The bill directs the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to promulgate guidelines and criteria for the payment of claims from the Fund within one year of the effective date of the bill.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Items Impacted: 492

Explanation: The proposed legislation is expected to have an ongoing annual cost of up to \$2.2 million to

pay for the Workers' Compensation Commission's administrative expenses. There is expected to be a one-time cost of \$170,000 to pay for automation changes to the Workers'

Compensation Commission's claims system.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), two additional full-time equivalents (FTE) would be needed to administer the Mass Violence Care Fund. The estimated annual cost, including salary and benefits, for each employee is \$100,000. Other annual costs to administer the provisions of this bill include up to \$2.0 million each year to establish and conduct a public information program. There is projected to be a one-time cost of \$170,000 for the VWC to automate changes to its claims system.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	FY2030
VWC	\$0	\$2,370,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$2,370,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
VWC	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
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TOTAL	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

Fiscal Analysis: The proposed legislation requires the VWC to establish the Mass Violence Care Fund within the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. The VWC projects it would need two additional FTEs to administer the Fund. The estimated annual personal cost is \$100,000 for each employee, which includes salary and benefits. The VWC estimates a one-time cost of \$170,000 to pay for changes to is automation claims system.

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The proposed legislation requires the VWC to establish and conduct a public information program, to include the creation of a web page for the Mass Violence Care Fund, to assure extensive and continuing publicity and public awareness of the provisions of this section. The public information program shall include brochures, posters, and public service advertisements for television, radio, and print media. The VWC estimates the public information program would cost between \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million annually.

Other: This bill is similar to HB 1711-H1.