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

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Bill Number: HB2594ER Patron: Singh

Bill Title: Standards and training for security at religious places of worship

Bill Summary: The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish statewide best practices for the provision of security at nonprofit institutions that serve individuals and communities at risk of hate crimes as defined in § 52-8.5 (Reporting hate crimes) within the Commonwealth, including training for any law-enforcement officer, unarmed security officer, or armed security officer providing such security about various traditions, services, or activities that such law-enforcement officer, unarmed security officer, or armed security officer may encounter while providing such security.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 391

Explanation: Additional funding required to support one position and hire subject matter expert

consultants.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the agency anticipates a one-time expense of \$150,000 to hire subject matter experts on the various religious traditions to analyze them and create appropriate security measures. DCJS also anticipates the need for one additional FTE to develop new training and lesson plans, for a total estimated cost of \$123,250 annually.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
DCJS	\$0	\$273,250	\$123,250	\$123,250	\$123,250	\$123,250
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TOTAL	\$0	\$273,250	\$123,250	\$123,250	\$123,250	\$123,250

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
DCJS	0	1	1	1	1	1
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TOTAL	0	1	1	1	1	1

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires DCJS to establish statewide best practices including training for law-enforcement officers, unarmed security officers, or armed security officers in regard to the provision of security at nonprofit institutions that serve individuals and communities at risk of hate crimes. As written, the

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bill requires DCJS to develop new training and lesson plans, which will also need to be maintained and updated periodically.

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 and update training and lesson plans. This position would have an estimated annual salary of \$85,000, plus \$38,250 in fringe benefits, for a total cost of \$123,250.

Other: Funding was provided for this bill in the budget approved by the 2025 General Assembly.