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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB83

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Bill Title: Virginia Information Technologies Agency; powers of the CIO; creation of Cyber Civilian Corps.

Bill Summary: Allows the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to select persons to serve as Virginia Cyber Civilian Corp (the Corps) volunteers and Corps advisors and deploy such volunteers to provide rapid response assistance under the direction of VITA upon request of a client affected by a cybersecurity incident, defined in the bill. The bill also establishes an advisory board within VITA to review and make recommendations regarding the creation and administration of the Corps. The bill instructs the Chief Information Officer to consult with the advisory board in decisions related to deployment of the Corps during cybersecurity incidents.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted:

Explanation: See Below.

Fiscal Summary: There is a state fiscal impact due to the provisions of this bill. The Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA) would be tasked with creating and funding an advisory board to oversee the Virginia Cyber Civilian Corp. There is also a state fiscal impact to Virginia State Police (VSP) due to the required finger printing for Virginia Cyber Civilian Corps volunteers.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
VITA			\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
VSP			\$211,245.49	\$199,510.57	\$199,510.57	\$199,510.57
TOTAL						

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
VITA			2	2	2	2
VSP			2	2	2	2
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis:

The provisions of this bill establish an advisory board within the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to provide guidance on the administration of the Cyber Civilian Corps. To meet the requirements of this

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bill VITA estimates that two new positions would be needed for implementation and administration of the Corps. Salaries and benefits of these two employees total \$325,000. In addition to the positions VITA estimates they will need \$275,000 for a contractor, training, and security tools that the Corps will use when called upon. The contractor would be needed to assist in providing training, and managing the personnel of the Corps. Beyond the first two years of implementation the fiscal impact of this bill could potentially go beyond \$600,000 due to the large scope of additional duties this bill imposes on VITA.

The bills allow VITA to charge entities for the use of the Corps, and to use these fees to cover expenses associated with this service. However, it is indeterminate how much revenue will be able to be collected because the use of this service will likely be sporadic and based on client needs.

Under House Bill 83, fingerprint-based criminal background checks would be required for any individuals who are selected to serve as Virginia Cyber Civilian Corps volunteers and deployed to provide rapid response assistance under the direction of VITA upon request of a client affected by a cybersecurity incident.

Currently, the Civil and Applicant Records Exchange (CARE) of the Department is tasked with processing criminal history record background checks. Within the fingerprint-based criminal record check process, Fingerprint Technicians are used to establish the identification of the fingerprints in order to match the information to the appropriate criminal history record. Once this match or no match takes place, a Program Support Technician Senior in the CARE section processes the criminal history record results and forwards the information to the requesting agency. Currently one Fingerprint Technician and one Program Support Technician can process up to 10,000 inked fingerprint cards per year and up to 20,000 electronic fingerprint transmissions.

It is unknown how many background checks will be required as the proposed legislation does not indicate the desired number of volunteers for the Cyber Civilian Corps. However, the Civil and Applicant Records Exchange (CARE) is currently operating at or above capacity with regards to the ability to conduct fingerprint based criminal history checks. Based on the current state of operations, the Department of State Police would require one additional Fingerprint Technician Trainee and one additional Program Support Technician to process the additional background checks required for the Cyber Civilian Corps. Costs associated with the new positions are outlined below.

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Estimate Provided by VSP:

Position	Qty	Per Employee	Year One Total	Year Two Total
Fingerprint Technician Trainee	1	\$84,857.22	\$84,857.22	\$84,857.22
Program Support Technician Sr	1	\$98,171.18	\$98,171.18	\$98,171.18
Total for all			\$183,028.41	\$183,028.41

Position Associated Costs

Item	Year One Cost	Year Two Cost
One Time IT	\$1,624.92	\$0.00
Office Space	\$11,014.00	\$11,014.00
IT Yearly	\$5,468.16	\$5,468.16
Furniture	\$10,110.00	\$0.00
Total	\$28,217.08	\$16,482.16

Other Costs

Item	Year One Cost	Year Two Cost
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Year One Cost	\$211,245.49	
Total Year Two Cost		\$199,510.57
Total All		\$410,756.06

Other: N/A