

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB364

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Bill Title: Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention; creation.

Bill Summary: Creates the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (the Center) within the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill states that the Center shall serve as the primary resource for research, best practices, and strategies for the implementation of firearm violence intervention, community-based intervention, and group violence intervention programs designed to reduce violence in communities. The bill also requires that the Center evaluate state and community-based violence intervention programs and policies that receive funding through the Center, apply for and accept federal grants, and provide technical assistance to localities and community-based organizations in establishing firearm violence intervention and prevention programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 394

Explanation: Additional funding is required to support positions, training, conferences, and the development of a new integrated information system and system maintenance.

Fiscal Summary: In order to carry out the provisions of the bill, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) anticipates \$2.5 million in one-time costs to develop the required data collection and reporting system, \$25,000 annually in system maintenance costs, \$200,000 in annual expenses to support training and conference costs, and \$1,143,916 in annual personnel expenses for nine positions to staff the Center. The calculation of this fiscal impact statement is solely based on the creation of the proposed Center and does not account for any existing firearm violence efforts such as the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention & Prevention Fund, the Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund and the Safer Communities Program.

Due to the July 1, 2027, effective date, most implementation costs are not expected to be incurred until fiscal year 2028. However, DCJS anticipates that two positions would need to be filled in fiscal year 2027 in order for the Center to be operational by the effective date.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DCJS		\$236,638	\$3,868,916	\$1,368,916	\$1,368,916	\$1,368,916
TOTAL		\$236,638	\$3,868,916	\$1,368,916	\$1,368,916	\$1,368,916

Position Impact:

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Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
DCJS		2	9	9	9	9
TOTAL		2	9	9	9	9

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires DCJS to serve as the Commonwealth's primary resource for research, best practices, and strategies for the implementation of firearm violence intervention, community-based intervention, and group violence intervention programs designed to reduce violence in communities.

According to DCJS, in order to carry out the responsibilities outlined in the proposed bill, the agency will need up to nine additional full-time equivalent staff. Total personnel expenses for these positions, including benefits, would be approximately \$1,143,916 annually.

- One supervisor to oversee the Center and work with the research analysts to develop comprehensive practices for addressing firearm violence and implementing firearm violence intervention and prevention programs, applying for grants from the United States government and other applicable sources. This position would have an annual salary of \$90,000, with a total annual cost of \$140,451 including benefits. This position would be filled before the effective date in order for the Center to be operational by the July 1, 2027, effective date.
- Two research analysts to maintain, analyze, and summarize data. The analysts will assist in operating a statewide firearm violence intervention and prevention research center, which will serve as a clearinghouse for data and firearm violence intervention and prevention programs collected by state and local agencies. These positions would each have an annual salary of \$85,000, with a total annual cost of \$268,256 including benefits.
- Two capacity building and sustainability coordinators to provide technical assistance to localities and community-based organizations to support the establishment of firearm violence intervention and prevention programs, including technical assistance on capacity building, obtaining grant funding, collecting data, and sustaining programs. These positions would each have an annual salary of \$85,000, with a total annual cost of \$268,256 including benefits.
- One program analyst to apply for and manage grants from the federal government or any other source in carrying out the requirement of the proposed Center. This position would have an annual salary of \$85,000, with a total annual cost of \$134,128 including benefits.
- One criminal justice analyst to establish training standards and publish and periodically update model policies for law enforcement personnel. These model policies will contain, among other subjects, best practices for the service of substantial risk orders and protective orders, the processes for obtaining a firearm from an individual prohibited from possessing one and addressing different types of firearm violence. This position would have an annual salary of \$75,000, with a total annual cost of \$121,481 including benefits.

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- One web and publications IT analyst to fulfill the clearinghouse and information sharing requirements. This position would have an annual salary of \$70,000, with a total annual cost of \$115,157 including benefits.
- One administrative support position to handle various day-to-day administrative functions associated with running the program. This position would have an annual salary of \$55,000, with a total annual cost of \$96,187 including benefits. This position would be filled before the effective date in order for the Center to be operational by the July 1, 2027, effective date.

Other: The Firearms Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund and the Operation Ceasefire Fund currently managed by DCJS were established by Chapter 2, Special Session I of the 2022 General Assembly. DCJS has been administering those funds since that time. The Office of Safer Communities was established by Chapter 1, Special Session I of the 2023 General Assembly. These current programs have many of the same goals outlined in this bill.