

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Bill Number:** SB539

**Patron:** Obenshain

**Bill Title:** Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund established.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund, to be managed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, for the purpose of making loans and awarding grants to local governments for the purpose of assisting with improvement projects relating to public safety radio and communications infrastructure.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**Items Impacted:** 394

**Explanation:** Additional funding and one position are needed to administer the grant program. Additional funding is also needed for subject matter expert consultants and ongoing support.

**Fiscal Summary:** This legislation requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to be responsible for administering the Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund, establishing guidelines and criteria for grant applications, awarding, managing, providing technical assistance and monitoring grants awarded from the fund.

In order to meet the provisions of this bill, DCJS anticipates that it would need one position, with an annual cost of \$132,003, to implement and administer the grant program and \$30,000 annually to support the ongoing administration of the fund, including input and analysis of telecommunication experts both in government and the private sector to inform and provide advice on grants made from the fund.

**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		\$162,003	\$162,003	\$162,003	\$162,003	\$162,003
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$162,003</b>	<b>\$162,003</b>	<b>\$162,003</b>	<b>\$162,003</b>	<b>\$162,003</b>

**Position Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DCJS		1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** According to DCJS, in order to properly administer and implement the grant program as outlined in the bill, the agency would need to hire one grant program manager to review grant applications,

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monitor grants made from the fund, and provide assistance and oversight for funded projects. This position would have an estimated annual salary of \$85,000, plus \$47,003 in benefits, for a total cost of \$132,003.

In addition, DCJS anticipates \$30,000 in annual expenses for ongoing support related to administering the fund and providing advice and consultation on grants made from the fund.

**Other:** None