

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB364 S1

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

Bill Summary: The substitute bill directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (the Department) to develop a plan, including any additional staffing needs and cost estimates, to restructure or augment the Office of Safer Communities to perform the duties described in the first enactment of the act. In developing such plan, the Department shall coordinate with other state agencies to ensure that existing efforts and practices are leveraged, especially as they relate to data collection and reporting. The Department shall provide such plan to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 1, 2026.

The substitute bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the substitute bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations in fiscal year 2027. The fiscal impact in fiscal year 2028 and beyond is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: The substitute bill requires DCJS to develop a plan to implement new responsibilities under the Office of Safer Communities 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, there is no fiscal impact associated with developing and submitting the plan by November 1, 2026, as outlined in the substitute bill. DCJS's plan would address the costs in fiscal year 2028 and beyond to create and implement the responsibilities of the new Office by the delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Other: None