Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB34E **Patron:** Cole, J.G.
Bill Title: Virginia military forces; Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Program established; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Program (the Program) within the Department of Military Affairs. The substitute bill also establishes the Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Officer (the Officer) to perform victim advocacy services, including helping victims of certain criminal sexual assault offenses make either a restricted report or an unrestricted report, as those terms are defined in the bill. Restricted and unrestricted reports may be made (i) by a person who is a member of the Virginia military forces, defined in the bill as the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force, or (ii) against a member of the Virginia military forces. The substitute bill amends the definition of a Virginia military protective order to mean a protective order issued by the Military Criminal Investigative Organization or other investigative authority on behalf of a victim of an offense of criminal sexual assault in response to a restricted report or an unrestricted report made (i) by a member of the Virginia military forces or (ii) against a member of the Virginia military forces. The Officer, in coordination with the Adjutant General, to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Chairs of both the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. The annual report shall include relevant information enumerated in the bill, including implementation and effectiveness of the Program's policies and procedures, as well as statistical information about restricted reports and unrestricted reports.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: See fiscal analysis.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact on state agencies as a result of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: According to DMA, there currently exists a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) department within the Virginia National Guard. The SARC and associated staff are federal employees entirely funded with federal funding. As such, there is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Additionally, there is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with the proposed provisions for annual reporting on the program.

Other: N/A**.**