

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB1097ER

**Patron:** Laufer

**Bill Title:** Driver communication improvement program for drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; education for law-enforcement officers and emergency medical services providers; educational materials for driver training schools.

**Bill Summary:** Requires law-enforcement officers and emergency medical service providers, as a condition of such providers' certification and recertification, to undergo education on the driver communication improvement program for drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The bill directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to display information about the driver communication improvement program on its website and distribute educational materials to all driver training schools licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** Any anticipated state fiscal impact related to costs associated with this proposed legislation are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

**Fiscal Analysis:** See fiscal summary.