

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB496H1

**Patron:** Marsden

**Bill Title:** Handguns; definitions, secure storage in an unattended vehicle, penalty

**Bill Summary:** The substitute bill creates a \$500 civil penalty for leaving a handgun unattended in a motor vehicle when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle. All penalties collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to be credited to the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** See below

**Fiscal Summary:**

There is an indeterminate amount of possible civil penalty revenue to the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Civil penalties do not carry jail time. All revenue collected from the fine created by this bill would be deposited into the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of fines that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

**Other:** None