

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB969 ER

Patron: Price

Bill Title: Firearm violence; DCJS to develop policy and legislative recommendations to address, report.

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to develop policy and legislative recommendations to establish the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Center. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and any legislative and policy recommendations to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 1

Explanation: Additional one-time funding will be needed in fiscal year 2027 to support work group participation costs.

Fiscal Summary: The enrolled bill directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (SPSHS) and Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to convene a work group that includes two current members of the House of Delegates and one current member of the Senate. The total estimated cost for two current members of the House of Delegates and one current member of the Senate to participate in the work group is \$1,800.

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>
GA of Virginia		\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: According to the SPSHS and DCJS, it is expected that any fiscal impact associated with convening the work group as directed in the enrolled bill is absorbable.

The enrolled bill requires the work group to include two current members of the House of Delegates and one current member of the Senate. It is estimated that member compensation will be approximately \$600 per member of the House and \$600 per member of the Senate to attend two meetings of the work group (the average number of meetings a work group of this nature usually involves) and will be paid by the offices of the clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia. Travel expenses are expected to be \$2,382 to be paid by DCJS. It is expected that DCJS can absorb the anticipated travel expenses.

Other: This bill is identical to SB364.