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

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Bill Number: HB916ER **Patron:** Lopez
Bill Title: Concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence.

Bill Summary: Adds a handgun shooting class or course that teaches (i) efficient, effective, and responsible use of a concealed handgun for self-defense outside of the home; (ii) state laws pertaining to handguns; and (iii) proper handgun storage techniques to those programs that satisfy the demonstration of competence requirement for the issuance of a Virginia resident or nonresident concealed handgun permit. The bill removes the requirement that such a training course must be conducted by the National Rifle Association or the United States Concealed Carry Association. The bill has a second enactment clause requiring reenactment by the 2027 Session of the General Assembly for the provisions of this bill to become effective.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below

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

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of State Police (VSP), which oversees both the Resident and Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permit programs, does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

Other: None.