

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1467

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Concealed weapons on school property

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would authorize local school boards, or the administrator of a private school, to designate one or more persons to carry a concealed handgun on school property. To be designated, the person would have to meet one of the following criteria:

1. A teacher, principal, or other employee of the school who had been employed by the school division or private school for at least three years;
2. A person holding a valid concealed handgun permit who currently volunteers and has volunteered for at least three years for the school; or
3. A retired law-enforcement officer who has lived in the school district or the locality in which the private school is located for at least three years.

Any person so designated by the school board or private school administrator to carry a concealed handgun on school property would be required by the legislation to be certified and trained in the storage, use, and handling of a concealed handgun by:

- a. The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, located within the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); or
- b. Any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course that complied with minimum training standards established by DCJS.

The legislation would require DCJS, and its Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, to establish minimum training standards for any person designated to carry a concealed handgun on school property and to provide training for such persons.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Under the provisions of the bill, DCJS would have the responsibility of developing training standards and providing training for those individuals who chose to use DCJS for training, rather than National Rifle Association training course. The agency currently receives federal and state general fund appropriations to operate the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. These resources should be sufficient to enable DCJS to carry out the provisions of the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

City and county school boards and school districts
Department of Criminal Justice Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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