

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2369

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

2. Patron: Berg

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Police forces, special conservators of the peace, etc.

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would make numerous changes regarding the use of police forces, special conservators of the peace, private security businesses, and private police departments. Among the changes proposed are the following:

- Authorizes each Cabinet Secretary to establish one or more police forces to secure property or the peace upon the grounds and buildings of agencies under his or her jurisdiction;
- Requires officers who conduct general policing and law-enforcement activities to secure property and peace for grounds and buildings of the Commonwealth to be appointed and registered as special conservators of the peace;
- Requires police forces of the Commonwealth that use “police department” in their names to meet standards established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for police departments;
- Expands definition of “private security services business” to include special conservators of the peace;
- Modifies requirements for regulations for special conservators of the peace, including the deletion of limitations on the minimum number of training hours required;
- Requires that registration fees for special conservators of the peace be set by regulation;
- Authorizes the establishment of private police departments;
- Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to adopt regulations for the certification of private police departments; and
- Expands the authority of special conservators of the peace.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. See Item 385.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$82,734	General
2017	\$82,734	General
2018	\$82,734	General
2019	\$82,734	General
2020	\$82,734	General
2021	\$82,734	General

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would expand the responsibilities of the Department of Criminal Justice Services in setting eligibility criteria and training standards for private police departments and special conservators of the peace. It also would expand the number of persons subject to registration and oversight as special conservators of the peace. The agency would need at least one additional staff person to implement the requirements of this legislation.

The legislation may have a fiscal impact on additional agencies, but sufficient information is not available at this time to make an estimate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Governor's Secretaries
 Department of Corrections
 Department of State Police
 Local governments
 Sheriffs

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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