

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2320

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Campbell, E. H.

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Carrying dangerous weapon to place of religious worship; penalty; repeal.

5. Summary: This bill repeals the prohibition of carrying a dangerous weapon in a place of worship without good and sufficient reason while a meeting for religious purposes is being held at such a place. Currently, violations of this provision are punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250, which is deposited into the Literary Fund. According to data from the General District Court (CMS) for fiscal year (FY) 2017 through FY 2022, provided by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, there were no convictions under § 18.2-283 for carrying a prohibited weapon into a church during the six-year period. Therefore, if this bill were to pass, it is not expected to have an impact on Literary Fund revenues.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Literary Fund, local law enforcement agencies, courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None