

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB466

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Helmer

3. **Committee:** Public Safety

4. **Title:** Concealed handgun permits; reciprocity with other states.

5. **Summary:** This proposal provides that the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, shall determine whether states meet the statutory qualifications for Virginia to recognize the concealed handgun permit of a person from another state. The bill also provides that a Virginia resident who has not been issued a valid resident concealed handgun permit may not use a concealed handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state to carry a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Indeterminate

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8 below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill requires the Superintendent of State Police to consult with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to determine whether other states meet the statutory qualifications for Virginia to recognize the concealed handgun permit of a person from another state. It also requires the Department of State Police (VSP) to maintain a registry of such states on the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN), and to make the registry available to law-enforcement officers for investigative purposes. It also permits the Superintendent, in consultation with the Attorney General, to enter into agreements for reciprocal recognition with any state qualifying for recognition under the provisions.

If the intent of the legislation is that the required information would be evaluated, monitored, and shared by the OAG with the VSP, then proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on VSP. If, however, the intent of the proposed bill is for the VSP, which oversees the Concealed Weapons Program, to be responsible for continuously monitoring and evaluating changes in the laws of the other 49 states to make determinations as to the qualification for reciprocity, then the agency believes it may need funding to support a First Sergeant (Attorney). The estimated ongoing cost for this position is \$178,887 annually (including salary and benefits).

To the extent that VSP has to modify the VCIN system to meet the requirements of this legislation, the Governor's introduced budget (HB30/SB30) provides general fund and

nongeneral fund appropriation for various modifications to the system. Should the legislation be enacted, it's assumed that those changes could be included in a work order and absorbed within current resources. The impact on the Office of the Attorney General, is unknown at this time. The FIS may be revised if additional information is available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the Attorney General and Department of State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.