

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB502

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

2. **Patron:** Cohen

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Nonbinary sex or gender designation option.

5. **Summary:** This bill requires certain forms and applications set out in multiple sections of the Code of Virginia to offer the option of "male," "female," or "nonbinary" when designating the applicant's sex or gender.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 415 (Virginia State Police).

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Virginia State Police (VSP), this bill would require modifications to the Firearms Background Check System (VCheck2) modules and the Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permit (NCHP) system for resident and nonresident concealed handgun permits. VSP estimates the one-time cost to make these changes to be \$1,510,848 general fund.

VSP also reports that the Firearms Purchase Transaction Form (SP-65), both printed and electronic formats, will also require modification to offer nonbinary applicants an option on the form. VSP estimates the one-time cost to make the change at \$9,910, which the agency expects to absorb within current resources.

According to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), the revision of printed forms will result in a recall of existing forms and the use and distribution of revised forms throughout the Commonwealth. The fiscal impact of recall and distribution is currently unknown, as VDH is still assessing the number of forms the proposal would impact. However, costs to create new forms and update system applications can be handled within existing resources.

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions.

The Department of Elections reports that there would be no fiscal impact for the agency to amend voter registration applications and databases to comply with this bill. The Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Department of Motor Vehicles also report that the bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

The impact this bill may have on Courts and other affected state agencies, including higher education institutions, is unknown at this time. If further information becomes available, this impact statement will be revised as needed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, state agencies, localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None