

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB933

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

2. **Patron:** LeVere Bolling

3. **Committee:** Public Safety

4. **Title:** Alzheimer's disease and dementia training for dispatchers, firefighters, and emergency medical.

5. **Summary:** Requires certain agencies in the Commonwealth to develop curricula and provide training related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia to dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agency, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and the Commonwealth Council on Aging.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See Item 8 below.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the Department of criminal Justices Services (DCJS) has established compulsory training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agencies, whose duties include dispatching of law-enforcement personnel.

The proposed bill would require DCJS to include in their current compulsory minimum training standards and curriculum for dispatchers identification of, communication with, and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Item 394 of the Introduced Budget (HB30/SB30) provides \$50,000 each year for training to local law enforcement to aid in their identifying and interacting with individuals suffering from Alzheimer's and/or dementia. In addition, DCJS authored a model policy for Alzheimer's Awareness, effective January 1, 2022, for law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth to utilize within their respective General Orders, for the purpose of providing guidance for the response and investigation of missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Similarly, performance outcomes in the compulsory minimum training standards for law enforcement and jail officers already include this information for entry-level recruits.

It is assumed that the agency can update its current compulsory training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agencies given that it has authored a model policy using its existing resources.

According to DCJS, the bill is likely to have a fiscal impact on the local and regional law enforcement training academies as they may have to add additional trainers and training sessions to deliver this training. However, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

According to the Department of Fire Programs (VDFP), any fiscal impact related to the provisions of this bill could be absorbed by the agency.

Any fiscal impact to the Department of Health (VDH) is not known at this time. If VDH reports a material fiscal impact as a result of this bill, the fiscal impact statement will be updated to reflect the information received.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Fire Programs, Department of Health, regional law enforcement academies, fire departments, emergency medical services agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.