

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB116

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

2. Patron: March

3. Committee: Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Pulaski, Town of; regional criminal justice academy.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation allows the Town of Pulaski to withdraw from the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy and send its cadets to the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy without penalty.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have fiscal impact on the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy and the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy are independent regional training academies. The Town of Pulaski Police Department is a member of the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy.

Regional criminal justice training academies are funded through a combination of state resources and member tuition from the law enforcement agencies which constitute their membership. DCJS states that if the Town of Pulaski Police Department leaves the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy for the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy, as the bill permits, the former will lose state funding, and the latter will gain state funding. Based on information from DCJS, the state funding portion would be between approximately \$2,700 and \$3,100, based on the population of 31 officers at the Town of Pulaski Police Department. The exact amount in state funding is variable because a portion of the state funding for regional training academies comes from the Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies Special Fund, whose revenues vary annually based on the amount of fees that are collected pursuant to § 16.1-69.48:1; and the total amount of state funding as distributed based on the member population of each regional academy. The number of members fluctuates annually as law enforcement agencies hire new officers or incur vacancies.

In addition to state funding, the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy reports that it currently collects \$11,408 in member tuition to the academy from the Town of Pulaski Police Department. This amount is calculated based on the population of 31 officers at the Town of Pulaski Police Department multiplied by the rate of \$368 per officer.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: No state agency will be impacted as a result of this bill.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Item 408 of the Governor's Introduced Budget provides \$526,785 general fund in both FY 2023 and FY 2024 to support regional criminal justice training academies. The funding is intended to cover declining revenues from the Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies Special Fund as revenue collected from various criminal fees has decreased.