

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB798

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Price

**3. Committee:** Public Safety

**4. Title:** Gun Violence Survivor Assistance Fund and Grant Program.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation establishes the Gun Violence Survivor Assistance Fund and Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The legislation requires DCJS to develop guidelines ensuring that that: (i) provide grants to gun violence survivors who are in need of financial assistance to make accessibility adaptations to their homes to accommodate a disability resulting from a gun violence-related injury; (ii) grants are distributed either directly to gun violence survivors or to an agency or locality for distribution to gun violence survivors; (iii) moneys from the Fund are used solely for the purposes of making accessibility adaptations to homes of gun violence survivors and administering the Program; and (iv) grants are available only to gun violence survivors who meet eligibility criteria established by the Department.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Indeterminate.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Information provided by the Virginia Department of Health regarding the number of non-fatal firearm inpatient hospitalizations indicates that approximately 756 individuals survived a firearm related injury in 2020. However, DCJS reports that it does not know how many of these survivors require modifications to their homes as a result of a disability resulting from a gun violence related injury.

Currently, DCJS does not administer any grants directly to individuals and as such does not have a mechanism in place to do so. Additionally, while the agency believes the legislation could create additional workload, it is not clear how many grant applications would be submitted to DCJS for home accessibility adaptation. Therefore, the fiscal impact on DCJS is indeterminate at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** the Department of Criminal Justice Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.