

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB256S1

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

2. Patron: Bell

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Va. National Guard; funding for active members, recruitment.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Military Affairs to utilize grant funding in order to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard. The yearly funding amount for such recruitment shall be at the discretion of the Adjutant General and the Department of Military Affairs and not exceed \$50,000 per fiscal year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Item 479 of the Governor's Introduced Budget (HB30/SB30) provides funding from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 and 2024 to support this initiative.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to utilize grant funding, not to exceed \$50,000 in a fiscal year, in order to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard. The proposed legislation also makes the yearly funding amount for such recruitment at the discretion of the Adjutant General and DMA.

The DMA reports that the proposed legislation is not expected to result in a fiscal impact as the Governor's Introduced Budget (HB30/SB30) Item 479 includes \$50,000 from the general fund each fiscal year for a Referral Enlistment Program to qualifying individuals for the referral of applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard which result in enlistment.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: the Department of Military Affairs.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB210.