

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB319

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

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: Committee on Public Safety

4. Title: Firearms instructors & safety prog.; removes reference to NRA & U.S. Concealed Carry Assoc. in Code.

5. Summary: Currently, an applicant for a concealed handgun permit must demonstrate competence with a handgun through various firearm safety or training courses, including completing any National Rifle Association or United States Concealed Carry Association firearms safety or training courses. The bill also repeals authority for special license plates in support of the NRA and would require the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to certify or approve such firearm safety or training courses.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 391.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires DCJS to either approve or certify a firearms safety and training course for anyone applying for a concealed carry permit. The proposal also requires the agency to approve firearms instructors.

DCJS estimates that it may need up to three positions to develop a certification and approval process for firearms safety training for the general public, as well as a database for managing and tracking such certifications. The estimated annual cost for a program manager is \$123,250 (including benefits), and the estimated annual cost for a criminal justice analyst is \$108,750 (including benefits).

In addition to increased personnel costs, DCJS believes that the agency would need to add a module to the current training tracking system to track the persons who are being trained to the extent tracking is required. DCJS reports an estimated one-time cost of up to \$750,000 would be needed to make the enhancement to their current tracking system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Motor Vehicles, local school boards.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.