

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB266

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

**2. Patron:** DeSteph

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Animal control officers; additional training.

**5. Summary:** Increases the number of hours of required additional training in animal control and protection from 15 to 24 every three years for all animal control officers and deputy animal control officers employed by a locality.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) anticipates that any fiscal impact VDACS may incur from the passage of this legislation can be absorbed within current resources. This legislation would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on localities, as animal control officers are employed by the locality in which they work. It is anticipated that such costs may include registration fees and travel expenses.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, localities

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is the companion to HB9.