Adverse impact notification sent to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance (COV § 2.2-4007.04.C): Yes ☐ Not Needed ☒

If/when this economic impact analysis (EIA) is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*, notification will be sent to each member of the General Assembly (COV § 2.2-4007.04.B).

Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

Economic Impact Analysis

6 VAC 20-180 – Crime Prevention Specialists
Department of Health Professions
Town Hall Action/Stage: 4653/7695
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) proposes to amend its regulation for the crime prevention specialists to update out of date references to regulation and to the Code of Virginia (COV). The Board also proposes to remove a listing of who is eligible to be a trained as a crime prevention specialist because the list does not include all eligible groups.

Result of Analysis

Benefits outweigh costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

This regulation sets forth the process to become a certified crime prevention specialist. Board staff reports that "Certified crime prevention specialists work with law enforcement, businesses and citizens in their communities to: provide security assessments and training on topics such as personal safety, crime prevention for seniors and school safety and security" Crime prevention specialists also work in communities to help establish Neighborhood Watch programs.

The Board proposes several changes to this regulation that do not change current rules or practice. Specifically, the Board proposes to update references to the COV and to regulation where referenced standards have been moved since this regulation was last

updated. The Board also proposes to remove language that contains a list of who can receive crime prevention specialist training because that list does not include all eligible groups and is, therefore, misleading. Other language in the regulation specifies that "the agency administrator of any local, state or federal government agency or college or university" may designate employees for certification training. Changes such as these do not impose any costs on any affected entity but provide the benefit of additional clarity to interested parties reading the regulation.

Businesses and Entities Affected

These proposed regulatory changes will affect all sworn and non-sworn law enforcement officers as well as individuals working in schools, on college campuses and in universities who are eligible to be certified as crime prevention specialists. Board staff reports that there are currently twelve certified crime prevention communities[1] and four certified crime prevention campuses[2] in the Commonwealth; all of these are required to have at least one certified crime prevention specialist.

Localities Particularly Affected

The Cities of Galax, Hampton, Newport News, Roanoke, and Virginia Beach, the Counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Hanover and Henrico and the Towns of Christianburg, Herndon and Smithfield are crime prevention communities and will be particularly affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Projected Impact on Employment

These proposed regulatory changes are unlikely to affect employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

These proposed regulatory changes are unlikely to affect the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

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[1] These crime prevention communities are the Cities of Galax, Hampton, Newport News, Roanoke, and Virginia Beach, the Counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Hanover, Henrico and the Towns of Christianburg, Herndon and Smithfield.

[2] These four campuses are those for Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Richmond and Christopher Newport University.

Real Estate Development Costs

These proposed regulatory changes are unlikely to affect real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses:

Definition

Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as "a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than $6 million."

Costs and Other Effects

No small businesses will be adversely affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No small businesses will be adversely affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Adverse Impacts:

Businesses:

No businesses will be adversely affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Localities:

Localities in the Commonwealth are unlikely to see any adverse impacts on account of these proposed regulatory changes.

Other Entities:

No other entities are likely to be adversely affected by these proposed changes.

Legal Mandates

General: The Department of Planning and Budget has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to: (1) the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulatory action would apply, (2) the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, (3) the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, (4) the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and (5)the impact on the use and value of private property.

Adverse impacts: Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.04(C): In the event this economic impact analysis reveals that the proposed regulation would have an adverse economic impact on businesses or would impose a significant adverse economic impact on a locality, business, or entity particularly affected, the Department of Planning and Budget shall advise the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance within the 45-day period.

If the proposed regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include: (1) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation, (2) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents, (3) a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and (4) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation. Additionally, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules shall be notified.

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