



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

6 VAC 20-20 – Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Entry-Level Law Enforcement Officers

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) proposes to amend its minimum training standards for law enforcement officers to move the responsibility of setting performance outcomes from the Board to the standing Committee on Training. The Board also proposes to add language that specifies how the Committee on Training will handle public suggestions for regulatory change.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, the Board has approval authority for training categories, setting hours of required training and for deciding performance outcomes. The Committee on Training currently has approval over “training objectives, criteria and lesson plan guides”. The Board proposes to move authority to set performance outcomes to the Committee on Training so that they will be responsible for setting and amending all parts of the training standards. This change will likely streamline the process of considering training standards so that new rules take less time to consider. Regulated entities and other interested individuals will likely benefit from the clarity that this change brings to the process of setting training standards.

Although §2.2-4007 of the Code of Virginia provides for members of the general public to propose new regulations or changes to existing regulations, these Rules have not had an explicit provision for how such comments and suggestions should be handled. The Board

proposes to set guidelines to specify how the Committee on Training will review such suggestions. Under these proposed regulations, the Committee will review any suggestions they receive in writing at their next regularly scheduled meeting. If suggestions are made at a public hearing, the Committee will be able to make a decision as to whether to act on them at that time. The public will likely benefit from this change as it clarifies their right to be part of the process of writing/amending regulations.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Criminal Justice Services reports that these regulations most directly affect law enforcement agencies and entities that provide training to law enforcement officers. There are approximately 400 law enforcement agencies and training entities in the Commonwealth.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.