



Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Agency Response to Economic Impact Analysis

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The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is in agreement with the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis of 6 VAC20-100, Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Correctional Officers of the Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Institutions. Although prepared approximately three years ago in October of 2021, all details related to the stages of basic training for new law corrections officer recruits is correct. DPB's assessment that there are no associated increases in cost(s) is correct, and the concurs that the changes associated with this regulatory action reduce the minimum number of basic correctional officer training hours from 400 to 320, reduce the minimum number of field training hours from 200 to 120, and amend training requirements in a separate document incorporated by reference (DIBR), which will replace the current version. With respect to the DIBR, DCJS also agrees that the proposed changed to no longer require 200 firearm practice rounds for each student, and instead move toward a skill-based practice format, that the DOC expects this would result in about a 10 percent reduction in ammunition usage in initial training. Further, DOC concurs that with current pricing, this would result in an approximate savings of \$11,500 over the course of a 12-month period.

DCJS supports DPB's assessment and is in agreement with the published EIA.