



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

6 VAC 20-280 – Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Law Enforcement Field Training Officers
Department of Criminal Justice Services
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

Pursuant to § 9.1-102(3) of the Code of Virginia, the Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) proposes to establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification of law enforcement officers serving as field training officers. Currently there are no regulations in place regarding field training officers.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Code of Virginia § 9.1-102 (3) instructs the Department of Criminal Justice Services (Department), under the direction of the Board, to establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law enforcement officers serving as field training officers. Such standards include, but are not limited to the role and responsibility of law enforcement field training officers, relevant to state laws. The proposed law enforcement field training officer regulations address the necessary definitions, compulsory minimum training standards, applicability, compliance, grading, recertification, failure to comply and administrative requirements for certification and recertification procedures. A field training officer is responsible for training recent law enforcement academy graduates on departmental policies, procedures and operations.

The proposed regulations are consistent with the policies and procedures that the Board and Department have maintained for several years. Putting this language into regulation will increase clarity for law enforcement field training officers and the 40 certified criminal justice

training academies in the Commonwealth. This will help ensure that there will be a standard level of training for all law enforcement officers serving as field training officers.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed regulations affect law enforcement field training officers and the 40 certified criminal justice training academies in the Commonwealth.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations affect all Virginia localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed regulations are not likely to significantly affect numbers of jobs.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed regulations do not significantly affect the value and use of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed regulations do not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed regulations do not significantly affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed regulations are unlikely to significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 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 2.2-4007.04 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.