



State assistance to local law enforcement (HB 599 program)

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Amendments

- HB 30: [Item 396#2h](#) (McQuinn)
- SB 30 [Item 396 #1s](#) (Locke)

What these amendments would accomplish

These amendments would add \$6.3 million the first year and \$19.8 million the second year of the biennium to ensure that the State Aid to Localities with Police Departments Program (known as the HB 599 program) is compliant with the Code of Virginia.

Key points

- Law enforcement is a basic governmental service and the 599 program provides vital assistance to local enforcement operations.
- More than 70 percent of Virginia's population is served by a police department.
- A total of 175 localities – all cities, counties, and towns with police departments – receive this funding. (Counties served by sheriffs' departments receive funding through the State Compensation Board.)
- Localities receiving 599 funding must certify each year their compliance with state requirements to receive this funding.
- By Code, funding for this program is required to grow in proportion with overall state general fund revenue growth.

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