



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 7/3/2019

**TITLE:**

Commonwealth Attorney's Supplemental Funding Request

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Authorize supplementing an additional full-time Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position

**ITEM TYPE:** Consent Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Kamptner, Letteri, Allshouse L., Taylor

**PRESENTER (S):** N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** The State Compensation Board approves Constitutional Officers' budgets each May. The approved budgets reflect the minimum amount that must be approved by the local government for the Constitutional Officers. Most local governments, including Albemarle County, approve additional funding.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission: To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

**DISCUSSION:** On May 1, 2019, the State Compensation Board approved funding for an additional Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney effective July 1, 2019. The Commonwealth's Attorney has requested supplemental funding for this position as presented in Attachment A - Letter Requesting Commonwealth's Attorney Supplemental Funding. Providing supplemental funding is consistent with Albemarle County's practice to subsidize the State Compensation Board salaries to reflect the local market and operating expenses.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Staff estimates the total cost of a new Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, including salary, benefits, and operating/start-up costs, at approximately \$104,660-\$116,786. The State Compensation Board will provide funding of \$62,401, which leaves a balance of \$42,259-\$54,385 for requested supplemental County funding. Because this expense was not anticipated in the FY 20 budget, staff recommends the use of the FY 20 Reserve for Contingencies for the County's portion of this cost.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the supplemental funding of the new Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position. If approved, staff will request the Board approve an appropriation request for the position at a subsequent Board meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Letter Requesting Commonwealth's Attorney Supplemental Funding