

TO: Dr. Anthony Brads, Division Superintendent
FROM: Rob Hauman, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
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SUBJECT: *New Course Offering for 2016-2017-requesting board approval*

Background Information: During the fall of the 2015-2016 school year, high school students were surveyed related to their interest in new courses, including potential CTE courses. The number one selection by students was Criminal Justice. We would like to investigate the possibility of making this course available to students next year on a limited basis (one block for each high school). Success with a part-time private sector or retired instructor could lead to additional course offerings in the future.

Proposed Course Title: Criminal Justice I, Course number 8702 *Note - depending on the credentials of the instructor we might find, this course could potentially be a dual enrollment course with Germanna Community College.

Criminal Justice I- Students are introduced to the legal foundations and processes, and the principles, techniques, and practices for exploring careers within the criminal justice system.

Of the 94 competencies for this course the first 42 address workplace readiness skills, professional knowledge, aspects of industry, elements of student life, and practicing safety. The remaining 52 competencies address the criminal justice system, preparing for a career in the criminal justice system, understanding the rule of law, exploring policing, investigating a crime scene, exploring the courts, applying criminal justice communication skills, and understanding juvenile justice.

Budget impact: Cost of an instructor (without benefits) for one block at each high school.
Cost of textbook.

Upon completion of the course there are certifications available through a variety of assessments:

- College and Work Readiness Assessment
- Criminal Justice and CSI Examination (after course II)
- Criminal Justice Assessment
- Customer Service Examination
- National Career Readiness Assessment
- Professional Communications Certification Examination
- Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Examination