

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1624

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Tata

3. **Committee** Courts of Justice

4. **Title** Disguised weapons.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Provides that if any person carries about his person any knife, blade, dirk or dagger or any similar item useable as a weapon, which is disguised as another common object not having the appearance of a knife, blade, dirk or dagger or similar item, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. **Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not known. Any fiscal impact would depend on the number of convictions. Any increase in jail population due to the imposition of a Class 1 will increase costs to the state. Additionally, subsequent convictions of the concealed weapon provision constitute a felony. Such convictions could result in increased inmates in prison. However, according to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, there is not enough data available to project the extent of the impact, if any.

The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant held in a jail and \$14.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. In fiscal year 1999, the estimated total state support for local jails per inmate, per day, averaged approximately \$30.54.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Jails, Department of Corrections, court system.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration
Secretary of Public Safety