

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB1270

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Edwards

3. **Committee** General Laws

4. **Title** Preventing Crime in Minority Communities Initiative Program & Fund.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposes to amend §9-170 of the Code of Virginia by adding an article in Chapter 27 of Title 9, numbered 1.8 creating the Preventing Crime in Minority Communities Initiative Program and Fund. The initiative will consist of five projects located in urban minority communities with high crime rates and attendant social and economic problems, and a multi-disciplinary network of persons and organizations with expertise, experience, and interest in preventing and reducing crime in the minority community. The Board of Criminal Justice Services is required to develop the Program. An advisory board, whose members represent a broad spectrum of persons who must be appointed by and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor, is charged to assist the Department with the projects and advise the Board regarding crime prevention and reduction in minority communities. The Department of Criminal Justice Services must administer the Program and provide staff support for the advisory board. State-funded grants are to be awarded to eligible projects on a competitive basis through the issuance of a request for proposals.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Tentative. See item 8.

6a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02	150,000	2	GF
2002-03	150,000	2	GF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item 465.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The fiscal implication of this legislation are uncertain. The Department of Criminal Justice Services would be charged with the responsibility of administering a grant program developed by the Criminal Justice Services Board, assuming state funding for grants is provided. The agency estimates that it would require the services of two full-time positions and travel expenses at a cost of \$150,000 in FY02. The Fund is to consist of amounts appropriated by the General Assembly or such gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf by the Criminal Justice Services Board. It is uncertain that any funding will be provided for this fund. It would be extremely difficult to administer a grant program without a stable source of funding.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: It should be noted that through the Department of Criminal Justice Services' Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Services section presently provides many of the services identified in this legislation. This bill, although substantially revised, is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Status and Needs of African-American Males in Virginia in 1999.

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