

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB799

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Reynolds

3. Committee Senate Finance

4. Title State reimbursement for jail construction.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires the state to reimburse a county or city 40 percent of the cost of a jail construction project required as a result of the closing of a jail farm, if the closing had been directed by the Board of Corrections based on a determination that the farm was inefficient and too costly.

6. Fiscal Impact: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

There may be some potential that this bill will result in a cost to the state, but there is not sufficient information available to determine when and to what extent those costs would occur.

First of all, it is not certain that there are any situations in which the bill would immediately be applicable. According to officials in the Department of Corrections, prior to July 1998, three cities operated jail farms--Danville, Martinsville, and Newport News. At that time, the sheriff took over operation of the Martinsville jail farm and it is now being operated as an annex to the jail. The Board of Corrections has not ordered a jail farm closed nor is any such closing being considered by the Board.

Secondly, assuming that there would be a situation in which the bill's provisions would be applicable, nothing is now known about the cost of any project which would be constructed by the locality. Therefore, the cost to the state cannot be projected.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Corrections.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety

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