

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1574

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

2. Patron Hamilton

3. Committee House Appropriations

4. Title Parenting programs; Department of Correctional Education.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-345.1, to Chapter 18 of Title 22.1. This new section requires that the Department of Correctional Education to arrange for non-custodial parent offenders committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to be afforded the opportunity to participate in pre- and post-release parenting programs that include parenting - skill training, anger management, and literacy skills.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03			
2003-04	\$1,363,800	0	0100
2004-05	\$1,363,800	0	0100

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 407.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain at this time. It should be noted that a number of adult offenders are already afforded the opportunity to receive the training outlined in the proposed legislation. Given that, the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) advises that it has developed a plan to provide the parental training portion of the bill.

The Department proposes to offer a 12-week program, four times per year at each of the 65 DCO facilities, meeting once per week for 2 hours. The department's plan would involve the use of consultants and would be presented in priority order at institutions and centers with the highest annual release rates. A pilot program has already been used in two women's institutions and was well received by offenders and institution staff. DCE will coordinate with DOC to ensure that adequate facilities for the program are available at each facility and that security can be preserved. The estimate is based on one presentation at each facility, as DCE is unable to advise how many inmates are eligible and interested in receiving this training.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Department of Correctional Education and the Department of Corrections.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: This legislation is identical to HB2246, which was incorporated into this bill.

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