

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB70

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

2. Patron Jones, J.C.

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Correctional facilities, local; medical costs for prisoners.

5. Summary/Purpose: Require the state, in its annual appropriation to local correctional facilities, to compensate localities for two-thirds of the extraordinary medical costs incurred for treatment provided to state-responsible inmates. Such costs will be determined by the excess over the average medical cost per inmate day as determined by the Compensation Board.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary (data source: Jail Cost Report)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	\$3,183,728		GF
2003-04	\$3,183,728		GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes.

8. Fiscal implications: Based on the Jail Cost Report for the FY2000 period, the proposed legislation would require approximately \$3.2 million each year to fund 26 local and regional jails for "extraordinary" medical expenses. This amount is above that amount already funded through the per diem payment made to localities for housing local and state responsible inmates. Analysis of the data reveals eight jails would receive \$100,000 to \$636,100 (4 of which are in northern Virginia), eight jails would receive \$20,000 to \$100,000, and the remaining ten jails from \$1,717 to almost \$20,000. 1

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Compensation Board, various local and regional jails.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This legislation quantifies "extraordinary medical costs" such that expensive medical treatment (e.g., dialysis, emergency surgery, HIV/AIDS treatment, etc.), areas with high medical costs (more rural and northern Virginia localities) and jails with less efficient medical operations would receive additional funding if expenses are higher than the statewide average. In short, this definition of extraordinary encompasses more than jails that truly have unique medical treatment needs.

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