

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** SB979

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

**2. Patron** Mims

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Identity theft.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Limits the appearance of social security numbers on identification cards and parcels. Punishes the distribution or possession with intent to distribute another's personal identifying information or the distribution of the means by which personal information may be stolen. Punishes an identity theft offense resulting in more than \$200 in damages by up to 20 years in prison as opposed to a Class 5 felony (maximum 10 years in prison). Requires the Library Board to develop regulations providing for the destruction of social security numbers in public records. Allows a clerk of court to refuse to record a document upon which there appears a social security number. Sets up a procedure for blocking credit misinformation appearing in a credit report.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. Please see item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** Because the legislation increases the penalty for an offense from a misdemeanor to a felony, with a possible sentence of 1 to 20 years in prison, it could result in an increase in the number of offenders in state correctional facilities. Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has determined, pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the legislation on state-responsible (prison) bedspace cannot be quantified. However, the Commission believes the impact is likely to be negligible. The Library of Virginia does not anticipate additional costs associated with the role of the Library Board.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Office of the Attorney General, Library Board, State Police, Department of Corrections, Courts.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Education, Secretary of Public Safety