

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB 184

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Oder

**3. Committee** Passed both houses

**4. Title**         Bodily injury

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Under current law, it is a Class 4 felony, punishable by sentence of 2-10 years in prison, to manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or use an infectious biological substance or radiological agent with the intent to injure another person. The proposed legislation would make it a felony, punishable by a sentence of 5-30 years in prison, to maliciously cause bodily injury by means of an infectious biological substance or radiological agent.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

Because a new offense is created by the proposed legislation, it may result in additional persons being housed in state prisons. However, there is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, based on its analysis, has indicated that any impact is likely to be small.

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

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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