

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB529

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 Hogan

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Unemployment compensation; definition of employment services

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill excludes from the definition of "employment services," for the purposes of unemployment compensation benefits, work performed by an inmate of a custodial or penal institution for the institution or while in a work release program or halfway house. The bill also eliminates the exemption of employers from responsibility for the benefit charges, used for the calculation of employer tax rates, associated with work release programs.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are not available: SEE ITEM 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill would have a minor fiscal impact on the Unemployment Trust Fund. Currently, very few claimants employed in work release or diversion incarceration programs qualify for unemployment benefits because they are only eligible in cases in which they are required to return to their home area as a condition of their parole or release. The amount of benefits in question is not significant to effect a change in the solvency of the trust fund.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Employment Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade