

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB529

<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** Hogan

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**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 participating in a Diversion Center Incarceration Program. The bill also provides that an individual may not receive unemployment benefits if the individual's separation is a result of parole or release from a custodial or penal institution and the individual participated in a Diversion Center Incarceration Program.

**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