

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB170

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

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title Jail deputies; number.

5. Summary/Purpose: Codifies budget language (Item 64 E) such that the Compensation Board will allocate jail deputy positions at the lesser of the sheriff or superintendent's request, as recommended by the Department of Corrections, or at a ratio of not more than one jail deputy for every three beds of operational capacity. For those jails experiencing overcrowding, the Compensation Board will allocate jail deputy positions at the lesser of the sheriff or the superintendent's request, as recommended by the Department of Corrections, or at a ratio of not more than one additional jail deputy for every five average annual daily prisoners above operation capacity.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: PRELIMINARY; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Since the proposal mandates to the Compensation Board how the available allocation of jail deputy positions is to be accomplished, the proposal would not have a fiscal impact on the general fund. The number of positions and funding available to be allocated is limited by funding provided in the Appropriations Act.

However, the proposal is expected to impact the current allocation of jail deputy positions for the Commonwealth's local and regional jails. Using data supplied from the Compensation Board, it is estimated that the current level of jail deputy staffing would drop by 176 positions and \$5.3 million when applying the required allocation. Several jails would lose positions because the jail is currently staffed higher than at a ratio of not more than one jail deputy for every three beds of operational capacity. For instance, the Virginia Beach jail would lose approximately 25 positions since it is currently staffed higher than one deputy for every three beds. In contrast, the Danville jail would retain the current allotment of 54 jail deputy positions since 71 positions would be possible using the one deputy to every three beds ratio.

The following is included for informational purposes only. To fully fund the jail deputy positions to address jail overcrowding at the ratio of one deputy to every five average annual daily prisoners above capacity, approximately 536 additional deputy positions and \$13.8 million in the first year (\$16.0 million in the second year) would be required above the Governor's proposed budget bill after accounting for the potential savings noted above.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: It is believed that sheriffs and superintendents will submit requests that will more closely meet the higher ratio calculations because it will help increase funding to their facility. However, unless additional funding is provided via the Appropriations Act, there will be no increase in cost.

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