

Department of Planning and Budget

2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2657H1

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

2. Patron BaCote

3. Committee Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Department of Juvenile Justice; juvenile work release program established; penalties.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This legislation proposes to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered [66-25.1:1](#) through [66-25.1:4](#), to authorize the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice to establish work release programs whereby (i) a juvenile who is proficient in any trade or occupation, and who meets the work release criteria established by the Director, may be approved for employment by private individuals, corporations, or state agencies at places of business; or (ii) a juvenile who the Director is satisfied meets the work release criteria and is capable of receiving substantial benefit from educational or other related community activity programs that are not available within a juvenile correctional center may attend such programs outside of the juvenile correctional facility. The bill requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide juveniles committed to the Department with opportunities to work and participate in career training or technical education programs as operated by the Department or by the Department of Correctional Education, and sets forth provisions relating to eligibility for work release, compensation, custody, and penalties for violating the terms of work release.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Juvenile Justice advises that this legislation will have no fiscal impact as the language merely authorizes the agency to establish work release programs for juveniles. The agency advises that it has already allowed some limited work release programming in the past and as such it does not foresee any additional costs.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Juvenile Justice

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: The legislation was amended to authorize the agency to set up one pilot program beginning July 1, 2005, and with the exception of that location, it delays the enactment of the legislation until July 1, 2006.

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