

**Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Bill Number** HB1420

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Dudley

3. **Committee** Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

4. **Title** Compensation Board; considerations for fixing salaries and staffing levels for certain sheriffs.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Requires the Compensation Board to include in its allocation formula the effect of additional enforcement and safety needs of localities that (i) have bodies of water of 20,000 acres or more located wholly or partially within their jurisdiction and (ii) provide boating enforcement pursuant to a cooperative enforcement agreement with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** PRELIMINARY; See item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes; Item 59.

8. **Fiscal implications:** Although the actual fiscal impact of the proposed legislation cannot be determined since cooperative enforcement agreements between localities and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) have not been established, the maximum fiscal impact is projected to be \$665,214 in FY07 and \$737,814 in FY08.

Three bodies of water in Virginia meet the bill's 20,000-acre minimum: Buggs Island Lake/Kerr Reservoir, Lake Gaston, and Smith Mountain Lake. Based on DGIF research, five Virginia localities surrounding these bodies of water have at least 50 miles of shoreline; these are: the Counties of Bedford (230 miles), Franklin (278 miles), Halifax (69 miles), Mecklenburg (573 miles), and Pittsylvania (88 miles). The sheriffs in all five localities have law enforcement responsibilities for their respective jurisdictions. Based on this information, it is estimated that the proposal would result in the need for an additional 22 law enforcement deputies. The minimum salary and benefits for these deputies will be \$30,237 in FY07 and \$33,537 in FY08.

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries indicate that discussions and joint training are currently underway with Franklin and Bedford Counties.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Counties of Bedford, Franklin, Halifax, Mecklenburg, and Pittsylvania; Compensation Board, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical amendment necessary: Yes. The number of positions reflected in the position chart in Item 66 would need to be increased by the number of positions funded (for sheriffs).

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration
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