

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB 1457

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

2. **Patron** Ware

3. **Committee** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title** Total maximum daily loads for impaired waters

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill would require the State Water Control Board to evaluate the attainability of meeting water quality standards for an impaired water if the costs of improving the water quality are greater than the benefits to be derived. This assessment would have to be conducted before developing or implementing the total maximum daily load.

6. **Fiscal impact:** Fiscal impact estimates are final.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$0	0.00	N/A
2006-07	\$1,000,000	6.00	General fund
2007-08	\$1,000,000	6.00	General fund
2008-09	\$1,000,000	6.00	General fund
2009-10	\$1,000,000	6.00	General fund
2010-11	\$0	0.00	N/A
2011-12	\$0	0.00	N/A

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$0	0.00	N/A
2006-07	\$0	0.00	N/A
2007-08	\$0	0.00	N/A
2008-09	\$0	0.00	N/A
2009-10	\$0	0.00	N/A
2010-11	\$0	0.00	N/A
2011-12	\$0	0.00	N/A

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item 362 (Water Protection).

8. **Fiscal implications:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) must develop 1,210 total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters, 147 of which must be developed over the next biennium pursuant to a federal court-ordered schedule for TMDL development. DEQ estimates that it would need an additional six positions through FY 2010 in order to perform the evaluations required by the bill while still complying with the court-ordered schedule. The six positions include two economists (\$190,000 annual costs for salaries and

fringe benefits) as well as four environmental specialists (\$304,000 annual costs for salaries and fringe benefits). In addition, the agency estimates it would need \$506,000 annually through FY 2010 for increased contractual services costs necessary to meet the compliance schedule for TMDL development, as well as for overhead support.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources