

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB934-ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Gilbert

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: No parole for jail inmates convicted of multiple misdemeanors.

5. Summary: Eliminates parole for a jail inmate whose misdemeanor offenses are committed on or after July 1, 2008, with a sentence to serve of greater than 12 months. Currently, jail inmates sentenced to serve more than 12 months in jail for a combination of misdemeanor offenses are eligible for parole.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: FINAL.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to the legislation at this time, the legislation could result in an increased need for jail beds. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent FY2006 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2007), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.42 per inmate, per day in FY 2006.

Note: Upon request the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission estimated that 1,150 jail inmates would remain in jail for longer periods each year. For each additional day these inmates remain in jail, there is a \$32,683 cost to the Commonwealth (1,150 X \$28.42).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, State Compensation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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