

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number**      **SB 26**

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**      Reynolds

**3. Committee**    Passed both houses

**4. Title**      **Dog fighting**

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Under current law, racketeering activity is defined as committing, conspiring to commit, or getting others to commit two or more of a list of specified offenses. The proposed legislation would add dog fighting to that list of qualifying offenses.

Racketeering is a felony punishable with a sentence of 5 to 40 years and a fine of not more than \$1 million. A second or subsequent offense is punishable as Class 2 felony (20 years to life in prison) and a fine of not more than \$2 million.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** Final. See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

Under the provisions of this legislation, someone convicted of dog fighting and one other offense specified in the racketeering statute could be sentenced to prison sentences. Therefore, the bill could result in additional persons housed in Virginia prisons.

Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has determined, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the proposed legislation on state-responsible (prison) bed space cannot be determined.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Corrections

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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