

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1755

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

2. Patron Hargove

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title Capital punishment

5. Summary/Purpose:

Under current law, persons convicted of a Class 1 felony may be sentenced to death or life imprisonment. The proposed legislation would eliminate the death penalty for Class 1 felony offenses committed on and after July 1, 2009.

6. Fiscal Impact: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 391.

8. Fiscal implications:

Appropriation required by § 30-19.1:4: \$70,220

Pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission estimates a fiscal impact of \$70,220 (the highest annual cost over the next six years). The amount is based on the projection that the legislation will result in three additional inmates being incarcerated in prison by FY 2013 rather than being executed.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Corrections

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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