

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 1256

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

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Prosecution for homicide

5. Summary/Purpose:

Currently, there is no statute of limitation for murder. The proposed legislation clarifies that there is no statute of limitation on the prosecution for murder or manslaughter if the death of the victim is not instantaneous, but occurs at sometime in the future.

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

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

Because the proposed legislation potentially expands the application of murder and manslaughter statutes, it could result in additional persons confined in state prisons. However, due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded, 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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