

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB873

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: **Militia, Police and Public Safety**

4. Title: **Juvenile correctional facilities; nonviolent offenders.**

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to maintain at least one juvenile facility for nonviolent juvenile offenders.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 400.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the proposed legislation could have a fiscal impact on the department since either a new juvenile correctional center would be needed or the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center would need to be reopened. Natural Bridge was closed October 10, 2009, as a result of budget cuts. The department states that \$3,010,200 is needed each year to reopen Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center.

There is a “no cost” solution. This “no cost” solution relies on using one of the remaining four unspecialized, long-term facilities (Beaumont, Bon Air, Culpeper or Hanover) to house nonviolent juvenile offenders. If this approach is used, the department believes its capabilities to manage their remaining juvenile population would be severely impacted and could result in aggressive juveniles being placed with nonaggressive juveniles, or younger residents with older residents.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Juvenile Justice

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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