

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1691ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Establish criminal justice procedures for veterans and active military service members

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) to work with localities to establish special treatment procedures for veterans and active military service members in the criminal justice system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation has no material fiscal impact on state agencies. The fiscal implications of this bill are identical to SB1063.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DVA, localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This legislation could potentially impact local community corrections programs. The enrolled bill contains the following language:

The program shall cooperate with localities that may establish special treatment procedures for veterans and active military service members in the criminal justice system such as authorized by §§ 9.1-173 and 9.1-174. To facilitate local involvement and flexibility in responding to the problem of crime in local communities and to effectively treat, counsel, rehabilitate, and supervise veterans and active military service members who are offenders or defendants in the criminal justice system and who need access to proper treatment for mental illness including major depression, alcohol or drug abuse, post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury or a combination of these, any city, county, or combination thereof, may develop, establish, and maintain policies, procedures, and treatment services for all such offenders who are convicted and sentenced for misdemeanors or felonies that are not felony acts of violence, as defined in § 19.2-297.1.

Without additional state or local resources, it is possible localities that elect to establish special treatment procedures for veterans and active military service members may be faced with re-prioritizing their target audience and reallocating existing funding for community corrections programs. This could result in reduction of services to other populations within the criminal justice system.

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