

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 655

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

**2. Patron:** Senator McEachin

**3. Committee:** Finance

**4. Title:** Revise compensation for wrongful incarceration

**5. Summary:** This bill eliminates the 20-year maximum currently used to calculate compensation for wrongful incarceration and instead permits financial restitution to be determined based on the total time of imprisonment.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate (see Section 8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is not possible to reliably estimate how much in additional compensation may be paid out by the Commonwealth as a result of this proposed legislation, due to several unknown variables including the number of individuals in the future who may be proven wrongfully imprisoned, the length of time they served prior to being released, and the level of financial restitution the General Assembly might deem appropriate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Commonwealth of Virginia

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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