

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB195

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

2. Patron: Ramadan

3. Committee: Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Sex Offender and Crimes against Minors Registry; VSP to establish supplement (Robby's Rule).

5. Summary: Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain a computerized supplement to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (Robby's Rule) that would include the names of persons who have committed offenses that would require registration if the offense occurred today, but who are not otherwise required to register. It would also allow for any attorney for the Commonwealth or law-enforcement officer to submit a request to the Department of State Police to include a person on the supplement to the Registry. Upon receipt of a request, the Department of State Police must confirm whether the person should be included on the supplement to the Registry.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$1,692,625	3	GF
2016	\$463,825	3	GF
2017	\$463,825	3	GF
2018	\$463,825	3	GF
2019	\$463,825	3	GF
2020	\$463,825	3	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require the Department of State Police (Department) to establish and maintain a supplement to the Sex Offender and Crimes against Minors Registry (SOR). It likely will also increase the number of registrations to be processed and added to the supplement based on the requests received by the Department to include a person on the supplement.

According to the Department, the provisions of this bill create a fiscal impact because there will be a cost to develop and maintain the registry.

According to the Department, the establishment of the supplement to the SOR would require modification and expansion of the existing SOR database as well as additional staff resources needed to set up, operate and maintain the system. The Department cannot absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this legislative proposal, and would request a full funding to support their efforts in anticipated activities.

The setting up of the SOR supplement will require a minimum of 18 months of project work in order to document detailed system requirements, bid out the system specifications, procure the hardware and software, as well as develop, test and implement the system. The one-time cost associated with this undertaking is estimated at \$1,224,000, with an annual ongoing cost of maintaining the supplement estimated at \$180,000.

Furthermore, an additional full-time Technologist (programmer) position (at \$164,439 the first year, and an annual cost of \$162,839 in subsequent years) would be needed in the IT department in order to maintain and support the new supplement system along with performing ongoing maintenance and periodic software and hardware updates to it.

In addition, the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) within the Department would need two additional Office Service Specialists (\$124,186 the first year, and \$120,986 in subsequent years) to conduct research of convictions, perform data entry and other functions associated with maintaining the supplement to the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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