

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 676

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

2. Patron: Poindexter

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Manufacture and distribution of methamphetamines

5. Summary:

Under current law, manufacture, selling, or distributing 28 grams or more of methamphetamines is punishable with a sentence of 5 to 40 years in prison, three years of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. If the quantity of methamphetamines were 227 grams or more, the sentence would 10 years to life in prison, with a five-year mandatory minimum sentence.

The proposed legislation would increase the penalties, as follows:

28 grams or more—10 years to 40 years; 10-year mandatory minimum
227 grams or more—10 years to life; 10-year mandatory minimum

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Preliminary. See Item 385.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$2,660,812	General
2016	\$0	
2017	\$0	
2018	\$0	
2019	\$0	
2020	\$0	

8. Fiscal Implications:

By increasing the mandatory minimum sentences for the manufacture, selling, or distributing methamphetamines, the proposed legislation will result in the need for additional prison beds.

Pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission estimates a fiscal impact of \$2,660,812 (the highest annual cost over the next six years). The amount is based on the projection that the legislation will result in 89 additional inmates being incarcerated in prison.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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