

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB448

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

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Restoration of firearms rights; report to State Police.

5. Summary: The legislative proposal provides a mechanism for reporting when a circuit court restores a felon's right to possess a firearm to the Department of State Police. Prior to entry of a restoration order, the petitioner's fingerprints and petition are sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) and the petitioner's criminal history is forwarded to the court and may be inspected by the attorney for the Commonwealth. If the order is granted, the Department of State Police shall enter the person's name and description in the CCRE so law-enforcement personnel accessing the computerized criminal history files will be aware of the order's existence.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$1,320,000	0	General Fund
2016	0	0	
2017	0	0	
2018	0	0	
2019	0	0	
2020	0	0	

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police (Department), the implementation of this legislation would create a fiscal impact due to the costs associated with modifying and upgrading the Virginia's Criminal History (CCH) and the Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) systems. The legislation would also require modifications to a number of programs in both the legacy and new CCH system.

The one-time cost associated with the modification of the CCH and CCRE systems is estimated at \$1,320,000. According to the Department, such an extensive modification will include systems reprogramming in order to introduce new functionality, as well as performing extensive upgrades and testing to the both CCH and CCRE.

Currently, there is a multi-year effort under way to replace the legacy COBOL CCH system with a Java based system. Adding any new major enhancements to the legacy system when it is being replaced as such modification, will have an adverse impact on the CCH replacement project schedule. With the current transformation effort underway to replace the legacy, the system changes would be available within approximately 12 to 18 months. With the changes anticipated as a result of the proposed legislation, the transformation project currently underway will be delayed by a calendar year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB1145.

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