

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB553

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

2. **Patron:** Marsden

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Sex Offender Registry; notification of laws.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Attorney General to annually prepare a pamphlet listing and summarizing laws containing requirements and prohibitions relevant to persons required to register as sex offenders and communicate the pamphlet to the State Police and the Department of Corrections. The bill requires the State Police to (i) publish the pamphlet on its website, and (ii) annually distribute the pamphlet to persons required to register as sex offenders unless the person is under the control of the Department of Corrections or community supervision, in which case the Department of Corrections must distribute the pamphlet.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. See Item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will have no FTE impact on the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), however it will cost the OAG to prepare pamphlets summarizing the Sex Offender Registry laws. These costs are unknown at this time. This bill is similar to the Senate Bill No. 420 introduced in 2012.

Currently, there are 8,287 sex offenders listed on the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry that the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) of the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) supervises. As this number fluctuates, for the purpose of this document, the VSP has estimated costs based on 8,500 offenders. The annual cost for mailing approximately 8,500 pamphlets utilizing first class mail is \$4,165. According to the print shop, the Department pays a monthly fee for Zerox equipment that would be utilized to print the pamphlets, which makes it difficult to identify an actual cost for printing. However, it has been identified that the print shop could print 8,500 one page pamphlets annually with no additional costs added to what the Department already pays monthly.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law, and the Virginia Department of State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.