

**Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 625

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

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Abduction of minor

5. Summary:

Under current law, abduction of any person under 16 years old for the purpose of concubinage or prostitution is a Class 2 felony, conviction of which a court may impose a sentence of 20 years to life. If the sentence is less than life, the law requires the court to impose, in addition to the sentence, a suspended sentence of at least 40 years.

The proposed legislation would expand the offense to include abduction of any minor (anyone less than 18 years old).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 394.

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

Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2017 | \$50,000 | General |
| 2018 | \$0 | |
| 2019 | \$0 | |
| 2020 | \$0 | |
| 2021 | \$0 | |
| 2022 | \$0 | |

8. Fiscal Implications:

Because it expands the scope of a Class 2 felony, which carries a minimum sentence of 20 years in prison, the proposed legislation could result in the need for additional prison beds.

Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the proposed legislation on state-responsible (prison) bed space cannot be determined. In such cases, Chapter 665 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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