

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB519

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: House Committee on Courts of Justice

4. Title: Amends list of actions that qualify as a violent felony offense

5. Summary: Adds to the list of violent felonies assault and battery against a judge, magistrate, law-enforcement officer, correctional officer, firefighter, or other public safety personnel. The consequences when an offense falls under the definition of violent felony include increased sentencing ranges, enhanced punishment for certain other offenses, restricted eligibility for participation in a drug treatment court, a presumption against bail for persons illegally present in the United States, and an expansion of the definition of victim for the purpose of compensation of crime victims.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 391

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Under the provisions of the proposed legislation, anyone convicted of a felony offense who has a prior conviction of a violent offense, the sentencing guideline recommendation for the most recent offense would be increased.

However, there is not enough data available to project the impact on prison bed space. 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 836 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None