

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1947

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: Campbell, J.L.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Bomb threats to private or public elementary or secondary schools

5. Summary: Provides that any person who communicates a bomb threat, knowing the threat to be false, to a private or public elementary or secondary school, shall be sentenced to a term of confinement of at least six months, 30 days of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of confinement. Currently, anyone who communicates a bomb threat, knowing the threat to be false, is guilty of a Class 5 felony if he is 15 years of age or older. He is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if under 15 years of age.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation requires a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 days for a violation of the section involving a public or private elementary or secondary school. While the bill is not expected to increase the future state prison bed space needs, it is expected to increase the future needs for bed space at local jails. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has projected a one-bed increase at local adult correctional facilities as a result of this legislation. It estimates state costs to be \$13,505 and costs to localities to be \$19,774.

The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail and \$12.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. It also funds a considerable portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2018), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$33.83 per inmate, per day in FY 2017.

There is no projected impact on the Department of Corrections. The impact on the Department of Juvenile Justice is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Juvenile Justice, Local correctional facilities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.