

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1418E

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

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry reregistration schedule.

5. Summary: This proposal makes several changes to Code sections concerning reregistration on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. First, anyone required to report to the Registry, other than individuals convicted of a sexually violent offense or murder, would be required to register once a year during their birth month; the current law requires reregistration every year on an annual basis from the date of initial registration. Individuals with a sexually violent offense or murder conviction would be required to reregister every three months, beginning in their birth month.

Individuals convicted of a violation under § 18.2-472.1 (providing false information or failing to provide registration information) who do not have a previous sexually violent offense or murder conviction would be required to register every six months, beginning with the month of their birth. Current law requires reregistration every 180 days from the date of such conviction. Those convicted of a violation under § 18.2-472.1 who have also been convicted of a sexually violent offense or murder would be required to reregister once per month.

Individuals who must report to the registry and are subject to biannual photograph requirements must do so during their birth month of the eligible year, according to the provisions of this bill. Additionally, this bill requires persons with a last name beginning with A through L to register between the first to the fifteenth of each required reporting month and persons with last names beginning with M through Z to register between the sixteenth to the last day of the month.

The bill requires that the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) is responsible for ensuring that registrants on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry comply with the requirements of the Registry. This includes notifying registrants of the need to renew, processing and tracking responses, and investigating potential violations.

According to VSP, there is no expected fiscal impact on its operations as a result of the provisions of this proposed legislation. VSP is in the process of implementing a new Sex Offender Registry tracking system. The new system will be fully operational by FY 2021, when the provisions of this bill become effective. According to VSP, the new system can be programmed to accommodate the requirements of this proposed legislation with no material fiscal impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.