

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1374

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: Transportation

4. Title: Reckless driving; exceeding speed limit.

5. Summary: Raises from 80 to 85 miles per hour the speed above which a person who drives a motor vehicle on the highways of the Commonwealth is guilty of reckless driving regardless of the applicable maximum speed limit.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Reckless driving is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500. It is possible this bill could reduce the number of people sentenced to local or regional jails, but any potential impact is indeterminate at this time. It is also possible that this bill could reduce the amount of fines deposited into the Literary Fund. It is not feasible to determine the impact to revenue that would be deposited into the Literary Fund as a result of the provisions of this legislation.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) previously installed signs where the speed limit is 70 miles per hour that indicate 80 miles per hour as the limit for reckless driving. This was done by VDOT as a public service to raise awareness of the law and to thereby improve public safety. If this bill passes, VDOT would need to either replace or remove approximately 12 signs on interstates where the speed limit is 70 mph that currently indicate 80 mph as the limit for reckless driving. The cost of replacing the signs to indicate the new limit for reckless driving would be approximately \$3,100 per sign, for a total estimated cost of \$37,200. The cost of simply removing the signs would be approximately \$800 per sign, for a total estimated cost of \$9,600. VDOT has not made any determination as to the effectiveness of the signs. It is anticipated that VDOT could absorb this cost within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, local law enforcement, local and regional jails, Virginia Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB63.