

# DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

## 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Patron** M. Kirkland Cox

3. **Committee** Senate Finance and Appropriations

4. **Title** Individual Income Tax; Increased Subtraction  
for Crime Stopper Rewards

2. **Bill Number** HB 307

**House of Origin:**

           **Introduced**

           **Substitute**

           **Engrossed**

**Second House:**

  X   **In Committee**

           **Substitute**

           **Enrolled**

### 5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would increase the maximum amount of the individual income tax subtraction for rewards for providing information to a law-enforcement official or agency, or to a nonprofit corporation created exclusively to assist such official or agency, that is used in the apprehension and conviction of perpetrators of crimes from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per taxable year.

This bill would be effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

6. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. (See Line 8.)

### 8. **Fiscal implications:**

#### Administrative Costs

The Department of Taxation ("the Department") considers implementation of this bill as routine, and does not require additional funding.

#### Revenue Impact

This bill would have an unknown, but likely minimal, negative General Fund revenue impact beginning in Fiscal Year 2021. It is unknown to what extent organizations that provide rewards for information used in the apprehension and conviction of perpetrators of crimes currently provide or would provide rewards in excess the existing \$1,000 threshold for the subtraction.

### 9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

Department of Taxation

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

## 11. Other comments:

### Virginia's Subtraction for Crime Stopper Rewards

For federal income tax purposes, rewards for providing information to solve crimes are generally taxable.

During the 1988 Session, the General Assembly enacted legislation that provides an individual income tax subtraction of up to \$1,000 for rewards for providing information to a law-enforcement official or agency, or to a nonprofit corporation created exclusively to assist such law-enforcement official or agency, that is used in the apprehension and conviction of perpetrators of crimes. The maximum amount of the subtraction has remained the same since its enactment.

### Proposed Legislation

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### Similar Bills

**Senate Bill 931** is substantially similar to this bill, except that it does not specify an effective date for the increased subtraction.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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