

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB492

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: Surovell

3. Committee: Judiciary

4. Title: Sex offenses requiring registration.

5. Summary: Provides that a person who was convicted of offenses similar to those listed in subsection B of this Code section, criminal homicide, murder, or a sexually violent offense is required to register and reregister with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (the Registry) in a manner consistent with the obligations of a registrant convicted of a similar offense under Virginia law, unless such offense requires more stringent registration and reregistration obligations under the laws of the jurisdiction where the offender was convicted. In that instance, the offender is required to register and reregister in a manner most similar with the registration obligations under the laws of the other jurisdiction. In cases where the obligations under Virginia law are more stringent, the offender must register and register in a manner consistent with the more stringent obligations according to the Code.

The bill also provides that a person who has been convicted of two or more offenses for which registration is required may not petition for the removal of his name from the Registry if such person had liberty between such convictions or adjudications. Under current law, any person with two or more convictions that require registration would be prohibited from filing a petition to remove his name from the Registry.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of State Police (VSP) administers the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry, including conducting checks on registrants and investigating potential violations. According to VSP, there is no anticipated fiscal impact on its operations as a result of the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police and Courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.