

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB579ER

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

**2. Patron:** Howell

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses.

**4. Title:** Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry.

**5. Summary:** Reclassifies offenses for which registration on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (the Registry) is required into Tier I, II, and III offenses, as defined in the bill. The bill also clarifies the duty of registrants to verify their registration information in addition to registering and reregistering as required by law. Every person required to register must submit to be photographed by a local law enforcement agency every two years during his required verification month and time interval. Such local law enforcement agency must forward the photograph of a type specified by VSP to VSP, and such transmission may be done electronically. The bill removes a requirement that Tier I and Tier II offenders annually reregister with VSP. The bill also contains technical amendments.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation reclassifies offenses that require registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (the Registry) into Tier I, II, and III offenses. The bill requires local law enforcement agencies to photograph registrants every two years and submit the data to the Department of State Police (VSP), allows information to be transmitted electronically, and removes the requirement that Tier I and II offenders reregister annually.

The Department of State Police (VSP) operates and manages the Registry. According to VSP, the current registry can be modified to meet the provisions of the bill at no cost to the agency. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on VSP.

The proposed legislation does not change the penalties for existing Registry violations. Therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections (DOC) or local and regional jails, according to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. Any potential fiscal impact on the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.