

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB5072

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

**2. Patron:** DeSteph

**3. Committee:** Judiciary

**4. Title:** Emergency Services and Disaster Law; immunity from liability; sheriffs' offices and regional jails.

**5. Summary:** This bill clarifies that sheriffs' offices and regional jails are considered public agencies for purposes of immunity from liability for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property resulting from emergency services activities provided while complying with or attempting to comply with the Emergency Services and Disaster Law or any rule, regulation, or executive order promulgated pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Services and Disaster Law.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under current law, neither the Commonwealth, nor any political subdivision thereof, nor federal agencies, nor other public or private agencies, nor, except in cases of willful misconduct, public or private employees, nor representatives of any of them, engaged in any emergency services activities, while complying with or attempting to comply with Chapter 3.2 Emergency Services and Disaster Law or any rule, regulation, or executive order promulgated pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, is be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities. This bill specifically includes sheriffs' offices and regional jails as public agencies. As such, it is not expected to have a fiscal impact on any state agencies.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Regional jails, local sheriffs' offices

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None