

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1442

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Morrissey

3. **Committee:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. **Title:** Establish a public defender office in the County of Chesterfield

5. **Summary:** Establishes a public defender office for the County of Chesterfield

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 48

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see #8)

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill amends § 19.2-163.04, Code of Virginia, by adding the County of Chesterfield to the list of localities that may establish a public defender office.

According to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC), it will require 33 positions and \$3,060,354 to open a public defender office in Chesterfield County. The positions needed are shown in the table below:

Position Title	Quantity Needed	Estimated Cost
Public Defender	1	\$148,029
Deputy Public Defender	1	\$124,104
Senior Assistant Public Defender	5	\$497,173
Senior Trial Attorney	1	\$99,435
Assistant Public Defender II	7	\$605,332
Assistant Public Defender I	7	\$537,299
Investigator II	2	\$146,481
Mitigation Specialist II	1	\$73,519
Mitigation Specialist I	1	\$63,798
Paralegal II	1	\$66,675
Office Manager	1	\$60,416
Secretary II	2	\$104,916
Secretary 1	3	\$143,694
Total Positions	33	\$2,670,871
Non-personal Cost		389,483
Total personal and non-personal cost		\$3,060,354

Additionally, VIDC indicates the agency will need a systems administrator position to monitor operating systems, business applications, web servers, email and office personal computers. The estimated cost for a systems administrator is \$104,230.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, and Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None