

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1034ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: McPike

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Causing a telephone, digital pager, or other device to signal with intent to annoy; emergency communications.

5. Summary: The amended bill provides that any person who, with or without intent to communicate but with intent to annoy, harass, hinder, or delay emergency personnel in the performance of their duties as such, causes a telephone to ring or other device to signal, which is owned or leased for the purpose of receiving communications by a public or private entity providing fire, police, or emergency medical services, and any person who knowingly permits the use of a telephone or other device under his control for such purpose. Currently a violation of certain provisions of §18.2-429 is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8).

8. Fiscal Implications: There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2022), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$40.39 per inmate, per day in FY 2021.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, Courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.