

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1856

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Wittman

**3. Committee** Militia, Police and Public Safety

**4. Title** Number of deputies.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that in any county that maintains, operates, or owns a local correctional facility, the Compensation Board shall fix a number of additional full-time deputies at not less than one deputy for each 750 population confined in the local correctional facility.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** PRELIMINARY; See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes; Item 59.

**8. Fiscal implications:** To determine which jails qualified under this proposed legislation, the average daily population from the most recent Jail Cost Report was used. Also, since sharing a law enforcement deputy among several localities is not practical, the analysis provided each individual county associated with a qualifying regional jail with a law enforcement deputy position.

According to the State Compensation Board's FY 2005 Jail Cost Report, two local jails and three regional jails had an average daily population of 750 inmates or more. Since these five jails held an average population between 750 and 1,500 inmates, all twelve counties would qualify for one law enforcement deputy. (Ten counties are associated with three regional jails.) The estimated cost for twelve deputies is \$377,779 in fiscal year 2008 and \$413,668 in fiscal year 2009.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Compensation Board, Counties of Henrico (local jail), Fairfax (local jail), Bedford, Campbell, Halifax, Prince George, Surry, Charles City, Chesterfield, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** It is recommended that clarifying language be included in the legislation to address whether or not each county associated with a qualifying regional jail would be eligible for a deputy. Also, it is recommended that the proposal require the use of average daily population in determining whether or not a locality qualifies for an additional deputy

position. It appears that the intent of the proposal is for counties with jails maintaining an average population of 750 inmates.

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cc: Secretary of Administration