

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2041

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

2. Patron Hamilton

3. Committee House Education

4. Title Department of Correctional Education; online learning.

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation would empower the Department to develop programs for access to online higher education courses by incarcerated persons.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill would authorize the Department of Correctional Education to develop programs for inmates to access online higher education courses. Should such a program be provided by the Department of Correctional Education, the agency would incur costs associated with the installation of a secure line to provide access to the courses in the correctional facilities. DCE currently has the computers needed to provide such a program.

The tuition costs associated with participating in the online courses would be borne by the inmates.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Correctional Education, Department of Corrections, and VITA

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance