

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 949

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Quayle

3. Committee Senate Rules

4. Title Commission on Incarceration and Reentry

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed bill would create the Virginia Commission on Incarceration and Reentry as an advisory commission within the executive branch. The purpose of the commission would be “to study, report, and make recommendations for dealing with the impact of incarceration and prisoner reentry to society...” It would be authorized to make recommendations to the Secretary of Public Safety and “coordinate the proposals of all state agencies as to legislation and policies affecting prisoners in the Commonwealth.”

The commission would consist of 21 members. Nine of the members would be members of the General Assembly; the remaining 12 members would be nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Governor. The bill provides that the Secretary of Public Safety would provide staff assistance to the commission.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Tentative.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2007-08	\$5,200		General
2008-09	\$5,200		General
2009-10	\$5,200		General
2010-11	\$5,200		General
2011-12	\$5,200		General
2011-12	\$5,200		General

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 377.

8. Fiscal implications:

The costs that would be incurred by the proposed commission would be comprised of per diem payments for the legislative members and traveling expenses for all members for attendance at meetings of the commission. It is estimated that such expenses would total \$2,600 per meeting. For purposes of this fiscal impact statement, it was assumed that the

commission would meet twice a year. If the commission were to meet more often, the costs would, of course, be higher.

Another potential cost would be that of staff assistance. It is assumed that the current staffing level of the office of the Secretary of Public Safety would be sufficient to meet the needs of the commission. However, if the commission were to become very active, the Secretary would probably need more funding to hire additional staff for the commission.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Secretary of Public Safety
Department of Corrections

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments:

On June 16, 2006, the Governor signed an executive order creating the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy. This body has virtually the same responsibilities as the proposed Virginia Commission on Incarceration and Reentry.

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