

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB153

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

**2. Patron:**        Stuart

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**        **VDOT maintenance; community service program**

**5. Summary:** This bill requires the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish a program whereby nonviolent misdemeanants who have a suspended sentence or who are on probation will mow rights-of-way or perform other landscaping tasks that VDOT is responsible for. The bill also provides civil immunity for the officials who participate.

**6. No fiscal impact.**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill will add a program in which community service requirements can be fulfilled by mowing rights-of-way and performing other landscaping activities along VDOT maintained roadways. This option would be added to currently allowable litter collection and waste disposal activities. The program sponsor is currently not liable for any civil damages to the individual performing community service. According to VDOT, there is no fiscal impact to them resulting from this proposal.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation