

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 1312

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

2. Patron Hurt

3. Committee Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title Conveyance of property owned by the Department of Corrections

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Corrections (DOC) to convey property to Pittsylvania County, with the approval of the Governor, under such terms and conditions it deems appropriate. The property is a portion of the Camp 15 Work Camp facility and was most recently used for the operation of the Chatham Diversion Center.

6. Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Chatham Diversion Center was closed in the fall of 2008 as part of the Governor's budget reduction plan. Although the buildings are no longer being used, DOC still must provide minimal maintenance and security for the facility. If the property is conveyed to Pittsylvania County, DOC would no longer have to bear this cost. The amount of such potential savings cannot be projected now, but it is likely to be insignificant.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Corrections
Pittsylvania County

10. Technical amendment necessary:

According to DOC officials, the size of the property to be conveyed is approximately 16 acres, rather than 26 acres as stated in the bill. It is recommended that the reference on lines 13 and 14 of the bill be changed from "26 acres" to "16 acres more or less".

11. Other comments:

Under § 2.2-1150 of the Code of Virginia, any state agency, with the approval of the Governor, may transfer property to a political subdivision. The proposed legislation parallels that provision of the Code.

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