

**Department of Planning and Budget
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB744

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| House of Origin | <u> X </u> | Introduced | <u> </u> | Substitute | <u> </u> | Engrossed |
| Second House | <u> </u> | In Committee | <u> </u> | Substitute | <u> </u> | Enrolled |

2. Patron: Cleaveland

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Bullying at school punishable as assault and battery.

5. Summary: Provides that any person who engages in the bullying, harassment, and intimidation of a student on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity shall be subject to punishment for assault pursuant to § 18.2-57.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see Item 8 below.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission's fiscal impact reflects that it is highly unlikely for this proposal to affect the future state-responsible (prison) bed space needs of the Commonwealth. Similarly, the proposal is unlikely to increase the need for local responsible (jail) beds. In addition, the Commission stated the potential impact on the Department of Juvenile Justice's juvenile correctional center and detention center bed space needs cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State and local law enforcement agencies, local and regional jails, Department of Juvenile Justice.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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