

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2040

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

2. Patron: Bell, Robert

3. Committee: Passed House, not yet assigned to Senate committee

4. Title: Prostitution

5. Summary:

Under current law, it is a Class 4 felony to take any minor, for the purposes of prostitution, into, or persuade, encourage, or cause, to enter a bawdy place or take the minor to any place for the purpose of prostitution. The proposed legislation would increase the offense to a Class 3 felony.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 385. The House has included funding for the fiscal impact of this legislation in its proposed amendments to the budget bill.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$50,000	General
2017	\$0	
2018	\$0	
2019	\$0	
2020	\$0	
2021	\$0	

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would increase a Class 4 felony to a Class 3 felony. For persons convicted of a Class 4 felony, the statutory sentence range is 2 to 10 years in prison; for a Class 3 felony, it is 5 to 20 years in prison. Therefore, the proposed legislation may result in the need for additional prison bed space in the future.

Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the proposed legislation on state-responsible (prison) bed space cannot be determined. In such cases, Chapter 3 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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