

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 339

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Stalking

5. Summary:

Current law defines stalking as a person on more than one occasion engaging in conduct directed at another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury. The first conviction of the offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction, under certain conditions, is a Class 6 felonies.

The proposed legislation provides that, if a person contacts or follows or attempts to contact or follow another person after being actual notice that the other person does not want to be contacted or followed because such actions place that person in fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury, such actions shall be prima facie evidence that the person doing the following or contacting intended to place the other person, or reasonably should have known that the other person was placed, in fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to himself or a family or household member.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications:

Pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has projected that the proposed legislation will not result in an increase in the need for prison beds and therefore has assigned a fiscal impact of \$0.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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