Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 1444

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

2. **Patron:**   **Chafin**

3. **Committee: House Courts of Justice**

4. **Title:**   Restricted ammunition

5. **Summary:**

   Under current law, it is a Class 5 felony to use or attempt to use restricted ammunition while committing or attempting to commit a crime. Restricted ammunition is defined as follows:
   - Bullets coated with, or containing, Teflon;
   - Bullets known as "KTW" or "French Arcanes"; or
   - Bullets with cores comprised, or comprised wholly, of a metal other than lead or lead alloy.

   Rather than list specific types of ammunition, the proposed legislation would amend the statute to define restricted firearm ammunition to mean any ammunition that has been prohibited from commercial sale by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or by federal law.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: None.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8 below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:**

   The proposed legislation is likely to have minimal, if any, impact on the number of persons sentenced to jail or prison. Federal law prohibits the sale of certain ammunition that is not covered by the existing state law. In that respect, the current prohibition would be expanded. Some non-lead ammunition is currently prohibited by the existing law, but not by federal law or regulations. Furthermore, there have been few convictions of the offense. Accordingly, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission has concluded that the proposal is not expected to have an impact on the prison bed space needs of the Commonwealth during the six-year projection window specified for legislative impact statements.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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