

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1592

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

2. Patron: LaRock

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Sale of products with Internet capabilities

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would prohibit the sale of any product that makes content accessible on the Internet unless the product possesses an operating digital content blocking capability that renders obscene content, obscene items, obscene performances, or obscene exhibitions inaccessible. Upon the request by a purchaser or recipient of the product, who is 18 years old or older, along with payment of a \$20 fee, a person who distributes or sells the product may disable the digital blocking capability.

All persons who distribute or sell a product that make content accessible on the Internet would be required to remit all disabling fees to the State Treasurer, on a quarterly basis, to be deposited into the Virginia Prevention of Human Trafficking Victim Fund.

The proposed legislation would require that the Department of Criminal Justice Services administer the Virginia Prevention of Human Trafficking Victim Fund. Moneys in the Fund are to be made available to (i) attorneys for the Commonwealth to fund additional attorneys to prosecute offenses involving human trafficking and (ii) law-enforcement authorities or programs, including civil legal assistance, to assist in protecting and providing necessary services to victims of human trafficking.

Violators of the provisions of the legislation would be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500, which would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would result in revenue for the special fund established by the legislation to increase prosecution of human trafficking and provide services to victims of human trafficking. However, because this would be a new program and there is no data

available upon which to base any estimate, the amount of revenue that might be available cannot be projected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Office of the Attorney General
Attorneys for the Commonwealth

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.