

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB938

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: Roem

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Department of State Police; establishment of cold case searchable database.

5. Summary: Provides that the Superintendent of State Police may establish and maintain a cold case searchable electronic database including cases related to unsolved homicide, missing persons, and unidentified persons to assist law enforcement agencies to identify and arrest persons who may have committed these crimes. The bill directs that the database be available to the public through the Department's website.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 419 of the budget bill (HB30 and SB30).

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill would require the Virginia State Police (VSP) to create a searchable electronic database for unsolved homicide, missing person, and unidentified person cases to assist law-enforcement agencies identify and arrest those who may have committed the crimes. The database may include interactive elements consisting of (i) the type of case, (ii) the location where the crime was committed, (iii) the investigating law-enforcement agency name, and (iv) the year the crime occurred. According to VSP, there are currently 142 cold cases and the provisions of this legislation will require the agency to contract for a web design services in order to create a searchable database on the current VSP website. The agency estimates a one-time cost of \$100,000 to modify their website. The agency also believes it will need one full time position to manage the content of the searchable database. The estimated ongoing cost for the position is \$93,143.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.