

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB49 S1

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

2. Patron: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires any registered sex offender, or one who is required to reregister, who enters an emergency shelter to notify a member of the shelter's security staff of his presence as soon as practicable after entry. This provision applies to any place or facility designated by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision that is being operated in response to a declared state or local emergency. The bill prohibits denying entry solely on the basis of status as a sex offender unless such entry is otherwise prohibited by law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Department of Social Services (VDSS), which is the lead agency for establishing and managing state shelters, follows protocols set in section 5.3 of the State Managed Shelter Plan when interacting with registered sex offenders. These procedures require any individual who is listed in the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry to notify the shelter management of his/her registry status upon entering a state managed shelter. The current protocols also allow VDSS to access the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry and the National Registry for Sex Offenders to determine if an evacuee's name is a match in either Registry. Shelter security staff is made aware of any offenders in the shelters and are required to maintain heightened observation. According to the VDSS, the substitute version of this bill is similar to current protocol regarding sex offenders in the Commonwealth State Managed Shelter Plan and would have no financial impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Social Services, and Localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.