

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1918

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Board of Corrections; minimum standards for health care services in local correctional facilities.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Board of Corrections (BOC) to establish minimum standards for health care services in local, regional, and community correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards, with the advice of and guidance from the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the State Health Commissioner.

The bill mandates that such minimum standards require each local, regional, and community correctional facility to submit to the Board a standardized quarterly continuous improvement report documenting the delivery of healthcare services, along with any improvements made to those services. These reports are to be available to the public on the Board's website. The Board may determine that any local, regional, or community correctional facility that is accredited by the American Correctional Association or National Commission on Correctional Health Care meets such minimum standards solely on the basis of such accreditation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Corrections (BOC) develops and establishes standards that govern the construction and operation of local, regional, and community correctional facilities. The Board receives technical support from the Department of Corrections' Compliance and Accreditation Unit. The legislation allows the Board to determine that any local, regional, and community correctional facility that is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) or National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCHC) meets the minimum standards required by the legislation solely on the basis of such facility's accreditations status. As a result, fiscal impact on the operations of the Board or the Department of Corrections is indeterminate at this time.

According to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Virginia Department of Health, this bill is not expected to impact either agency's operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Corrections, Department of Corrections, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Virginia Department of Health, and local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB1598.