

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1940

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Child Pornography Registry; contents of Registry; criminal investigations; report.

5. Summary: This proposed legislation makes changes to data required to be included in the Child Pornography Registry that is maintained by the Office of the Attorney General in cooperation with the Department of State Police. It requires that the Registry include copies of all known or suspected child pornography obtained during the course of a criminal investigation or presented as evidence and used in any conviction on child pornography charges. Currently, the Registry is required to include images of sexually explicit visual material in any form including any picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion picture film, digital image, or similar visual representation. This bill requires that Registry information also be used for victim identification, in addition to being used for purposes of the administration of criminal justice and for the protection of the general public and of children, as is currently the case.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See below.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) as a result of the proposed legislation. The Department of State Police (VSP) also does not anticipate a fiscal impact on its operations as a result of the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Office of the Attorney General

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.