

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2056H1

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| 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: Yancey

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: False information and hoax criminal activities; penalty.

5. Summary: Currently, under § 18.2-461, it is a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person (i) to knowingly give a false report as to the commission of any crime to any law-enforcement official with intent to mislead, or (ii) without just cause and with intent to interfere with the operations of any law-enforcement official, to call or summon any law-enforcement official by telephone or other means, including engagement or activation of an automatic emergency alarm. The proposal amends the provision to make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly, with the intent to influence the conduct or activities of a law-enforcement agency, cause another to give a false report to any law-enforcement official by publicly simulating a violation of Chapter 4 (§ [18.2-30](#) et seq.) or Chapter 5 (§ [18.2-77](#) et seq.).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly, with the intent to influence the conduct or activities of a law-enforcement agency, cause another to give a false report to any law-enforcement official. At this time it is not known if the proposed legislation would have an impact on local jails. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. According to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2018), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$33.83 per inmate, per day in FY 2017.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None