

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2369

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: Charniele L. Herring

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Virginia Human Rights Act; establishment of right to reproductive choice.

5. Summary: Establishes that (i) every individual has a fundamental right to choose or refuse contraception or sterilization and (ii) every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to choose to carry a pregnancy to term, give birth to a child, or terminate the pregnancy. The bill provides that the Commonwealth shall not deny or interfere with such fundamental rights in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information. The bill further provides that the Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of such fundamental rights on the basis of sex, disability, race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, marital status, national origin, immigration status, religion, or sexual orientation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Attorney General and Department of Law and Health and Human Resources secretariat agencies indicate no fiscal impact.

The Department of Corrections indicates that this bill could require the agency to offer services not currently provided to inmates. However, the cost is indeterminate as the number of inmates that may be affected is not known.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Attorney General and Department of Law, Department of Corrections, Health and Human Resources secretariat agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to SB1637.