

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2576ER

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

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; duties; report.

5. Summary: Creates, within the Department of Criminal Justice Services, a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator (the Coordinator) who shall (i) create a statewide plan for local and state agencies to identify and respond to victims of sex trafficking; (ii) coordinate the development of standards and guidelines for treatment programs for victims of sex trafficking; (iii) maintain a list of programs that provide treatment or specialized services to victims of sex trafficking and make such list available to law-enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, crime victim and witness assistance programs, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, and school divisions; (iv) oversee the development of a curriculum to be completed by persons convicted of solicitation of prostitution; and (v) promote strategies for the awareness of sex trafficking, for education and training related to sex trafficking, and for the reduction of demand for commercial sex. The bill also requires the Coordinator to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly and include a summary of activities for the year and any recommendations to address sex trafficking within the Commonwealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 393.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to: i) establish a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; ii) create a statewide plan for local and state agencies to identify and respond to victims of sex trafficking; (iii) maintain a list of programs that provide treatment or specialized services to victims of sex trafficking and make such a list available to law-enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, crime victim and witness assistance programs, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, and school divisions; (iv) oversee the development of a curriculum to be completed by persons convicted of solicitation of prostitution; and (v) promote strategies for the awareness of sex trafficking, for education and training related to sex trafficking, and for the reduction of demand for commercial sex. This bill also establishes certain reporting requirements related to the foregoing activities to be delivered by the Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator, as specified. DCJS reports that the aggregate fiscal impact to comply

with the proposed legislation would be \$145,630. According to DCJS, funding for the Coordinator position is estimated to be \$115, 630 (salary and fringe benefits). Additionally, the agency believes that costs for developing a curriculum for persons convicted of soliciting prostitution would be approximately \$30,000, based on similar past procurements related to curriculum development.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services, state and local law enforcement agencies, Commonwealth's Attorneys, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, State agencies, Divisions, Board, Bureau, Commission, Authority, or other agency created by the Commonwealth.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** The Conference Report provides \$145,630 and a position (Item 393 #2c) to designate a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator to develop a statewide response to address sex trafficking in Virginia.