

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2579

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Kory

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Reporting of hate crimes.

**5. Summary:** Includes within the definition of “hate crime” a criminal act committed against a person because of gender, disability or sexual orientation, and requires the reporting of crimes against such persons to the central repository maintained by the Department of State Police. Currently, cases are only considered hate crimes if the victim is selected for their race, religion, color, or national origin.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the Department of State Police (VSP) maintains a central repository for the collection and analysis of hate crimes (Incident Based Reporting system) in Virginia. According to VSP, the bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the agency’s operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.