

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2615

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

**2. Patron:** Pillion

**3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Capital murder of law enforcement officers or fire marshals

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill provides that no person charged with capital murder of a law-enforcement officer, a fire marshal or deputy or assistant fire marshal when such fire marshal or deputy or assistant fire marshal has been granted police powers, an auxiliary police officer, an auxiliary deputy sheriff, or any law-enforcement officer of another state or the United States having the power to arrest for a felony under the laws of such state or the United States shall have his capital murder charge reduced or amended in any manner.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill would prohibit any amendment or reduction of a capital murder charge for an offender who murders a law enforcement officer or fire marshal. As drafted, the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on Commonwealth's Attorneys or the Department of Corrections.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, Commonwealth's Attorneys', Department of Corrections and local and regional jails

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None