## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	SB1598 S1		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- **2. Patron:** Dunnavant
- 3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services
- **4. Title:** Board of Corrections; minimum standards for health care services in local correctional facilities.
- **5. Summary:** This bill authorizes the Board of Corrections (BOC) to establish minimum standards for health care services in local, regional, and community correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards, with the advice of and guidance from the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the State Health Commissioner.

The substitute bill requires behavioral health care standards to include screening and assessment of all individuals committed to local, regional, and community correctional facilities to determine mental health, developmental, and intellectual disability service needs.

The substitute bill also requires each local, regional, and community correctional facility to i) submit to the Board standardized quarterly continuous quality improvement reports, containing data and information related to the delivery of health care services that the Board deems appropriate, including any improvements made to those services, and ii) to make these reports available to the public on a website maintained by the local, regional, or community correctional facility. Finally, the substitute bill requires that provisions for enforcement include accepting accreditation by the American Correctional Association or National Commission on Correctional Health Care as evidence that the local, regional, or community correctional facility meets the minimum standards.

- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Corrections (BOC) develops and establishes standards that govern the construction and operation of local, regional, and community correctional facilities. The Board receives technical support from the Department of Corrections' Compliance and Accreditation Unit. The legislation allows the Board to determine that any local, regional, and community correctional facility that is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) or National Commission on Correctional Health Care

(NCCHC) meets the minimum standards required by the legislation solely on the basis of such facility's accreditations status. As a result, fiscal impact on the operations of the Board or the Department of Corrections is indeterminate at this time.

According to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Virginia Department of Health, this bill is not expected to impact either agency's operations.

**9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Corrections, Department of Corrections, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Virginia Department of Health, and local and regional jails.

## 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None