Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB717

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** McClellan

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Standards and criteria for congressional and state legislative districts.

5. **Summary:** Provides criteria by which congressional and state legislative districts are to be drawn, including compactness and contiguity, racial and ethnic fairness, protection of the rights of racial and language minorities to participate and elect a preferred candidate, and consideration of existing political boundaries and communities of interest. The bill requires the most recent decennial population figures reported by the United States Bureau of the Census to be used in drawing districts, except that incarcerated persons are to be counted at their last known legal residence. The bill prohibits the use of political data when drawing districts.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications**: The Division of Legislative Services states that the bill requires incarcerated persons to be counted at their last known legal residence, not the prison where they are incarcerated as the census currently counts them. This will require the census data to be adjusted before it is used in the drawing of districts. The agency, who is staffed to support the Commonwealth's redistricting process, warns that the new criteria will likely present a fiscal impact since the bill presents a specialized skill set that is not currently on staff. The agency expects to have to hire or contract an expert to assist in guiding the General Assembly's compliance required in the bill. The agency is not able to quantify the costs of the position at this time.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The General Assembly; The Division of Legislative Services.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.