

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB717

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

2. Patron: McClellan.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

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

5. Summary: The House substitute bill provides standards and criteria by which congressional and state legislative districts are to be drawn, including compactness, racial and ethnic fairness, and consideration of existing political boundaries and communities of interest.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Division of Legislative Services states that the House's substitute 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.

The Department of Corrections indicates the bill presents minimal impact to revise computer program coding to handle the unique identifier and an age-18 flag, but everything else is already being provided to Census.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The H