

Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB5024

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

2. Patron: Louise Lucas

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Law-enforcement; Attorney Gen. authorized to file civil suit or inquire into any unlawful practice.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Attorney General to file a civil suit or inquire into or seek to conciliate, through the Division of Human Rights, any unlawful pattern and practice against the Commonwealth or a locality whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that law-enforcement officers of any agency of the Commonwealth or any locality are engaging in a pattern or practice that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth. The bill also empowers the Attorney General to issue a civil investigative demand if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an unlawful pattern and practice violation has occurred.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 61

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	\$114,709	2	General Fund
2022	\$229,418	2	General Fund
2023	\$229,418	2	General Fund
2024	\$229,418	2	General Fund
2025	\$229,418	2	General Fund
2026	\$229,418	2	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: The Attorney General and Department of Law indicates this bill will expand duties of the Division of Human Rights requiring an additional attorney and paralegal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Companion to HB5072. Senate included funding for the two positions in amendment 61#1s.