

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB810

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets

5. Summary: The proposed bill provides that after all relevant, admissible evidence has been introduced and the Commonwealth and defendant have concluded their arguments for the sentencing phase that the jury be given the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets. The bill requires the court instruct the jury that the sentencing guidelines worksheets are discretionary and not binding on the jury. The bill also requires sentencing guidelines worksheets be kept confidential by the jurors and filed under seal by the court.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on agency resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None