

## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1442E

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Morrissey

**3. Committee:** Senate Finance and Appropriations

**4. Title:** Establish a public defender office in the County of Chesterfield

**5. Summary:** The bill establishes a public defender office for the County of Chesterfield. The provisions of the bill do not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this bill is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2021 by the General Assembly that becomes law.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 48

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill amends § 19.2-163.04, Code of Virginia, by adding the County of Chesterfield to the list of localities that may establish a public defender office.

According to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC), it will require 33 positions and \$3,060,354 (annually) to open a public defender office in Chesterfield County. The positions needed are shown in the table below:

Position Title	Quantity Needed	Estimated Cost
Public Defender	1	\$148,029
Deputy Public Defender	1	\$124,104
Senior Assistant Public Defender	5	\$497,173
Senior Trial Attorney	1	\$99,435
Assistant Public Defender II	7	\$605,332
Assistant Public Defender I	7	\$537,299
Investigator II	2	\$146,481
Mitigation Specialist II	1	\$73,519
Mitigation Specialist I	1	\$63,798
Paralegal II	1	\$66,675
Office Manager	1	\$60,416
Secretary II	2	\$104,916
Secretary I	3	\$143,694
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$2,670,871</b>
<b>Non-personal Cost</b>		<b>389,483</b>
<b>Total personal and non-personal cost</b>		<b>\$3,060,354</b>

Additionally, VIDC indicates the agency will need a systems administrator position to monitor operating systems, business applications, web servers, email and office personal computers. The estimated cost for a systems administrator is \$104,230 ( salary and benefits).

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, and Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None