

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB640

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Establish a public defender office in Henrico County

5. Summary: The proposed bill establishes a public defender office for the County of Henrico

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 51

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, the annual cost to establish a public defender office in Henrico County is approximately \$3,519,364, which includes \$2,958,081 for personal services and \$561,283 for non-personal services. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of the personal services costs, including a) anticipated positions needed, b) the quantity of positions needed, and c) the total salary and benefits.

Table 1. Personal Services

Position Title	Position Quantity	Total Salary and Benefits
Public Defender	1	\$154,914
Deputy Public Defender	1	\$115,792
Senior Assistant Public Defender	5	\$519,449
Senior Trial Attorney	1	\$103,890
Assistant Public Defender II	7	\$631,979
Assistant Public Defender I	9	\$720,702
Investigator	2	\$152,770
Mitigation Specialist	2	\$153,354
Paralegal	1	\$69,492
Office Manager	1	\$62,920
Legal Assistant	5	\$272,819
Total for Personal Services	35	\$2.958.081

Non-personal services include costs for computer and telecom services, office space, furniture, building rent, and general office expenses.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None