

Department of Planning and Budget

2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1014

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

2. Patron: Wilt

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Public defender offices; City of Harrisonburg and County of Rockingham.

5. Summary: Establishes a public defender office for the City of Harrisonburg and the County of Rockingham.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 40

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed bill establishes a public defender office to serve the City of Harrisonburg and the County of Rockingham.

According to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC), the office will require 18 positions at an annual cost of \$1,877,293 (detailed below, amounts include salary and benefits). In addition, the VIDC estimates non-personal, operational costs at approximately \$300,000 per year. The total ongoing annual fiscal impact is expected to be \$2,177,293.

Position	Number of positions	Salary	Total Salary and Benefits per employee	Total Salary and benefits cost
Chief Public Defender	1	\$139,412	\$188,460	\$188,460
Deputy Public Defender	1	\$104,955	\$145,327	\$145,327
Sr. Assistant Public Defender	2	\$94,472	\$132,204	\$264,408
Public Defender II	3	\$82,488	\$117,202	\$351,607
Public Defender I	3	\$73,500	\$105,951	\$317,854
Investigator	1	\$56,503	\$84,674	\$84,674
Mitigation Specialist	2	\$56,753	\$84,987	\$169,975
Paralegal	2	\$50,605	\$77,291	\$154,583
Office Manager	1	\$47,226	\$73,062	\$73,062
Legal Assistant	2	\$39,725	\$63,672	\$127,344
Total Personnel Expenses	18			\$1,877,293

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None