

Department of Planning and Budget
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Analysis:

Agency Impact

The second enactment clause of the bill directs the creation of a work group led by the Attorney General, which also includes one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Delegates who are members of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science and who shall be selected by the Chair of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. Based on an assumption of two meetings before November 1, 2025, it assumed that the Clerks of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia would require \$1,200 for compensation and \$1,468 for travel expenses.

The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law, the Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency all indicate that this bill presents no fiscal impact to these agencies.

Criminal Penalty Impact

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays localities \$5.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g., correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2024), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$56.38 per inmate, per day in FY 2023.

Other: This version of this bill is identical to HB2124, as enrolled.