

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB608

Patron: Pillion

Bill Title: Peer recovery specialists; VDH & DOC to develop guidelines for hiring.

Bill Summary: Directs the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Corrections to develop agency guidelines for hiring peer recovery specialists with previous criminal convictions for compensated employment. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on state resources to develop guidelines.

Other: This bill is similar to HB209.