

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB148H1

Patron: Williams

Bill Title: Seizure, forfeiture, and destruction of property used in connection with the exploitation and solicitation of children.

Bill Summary: This substitute requires the court to order the destruction of all audio and visual equipment, electronic equipment, devices, and other personal property used in connection with the possession, production, distribution, publication, sale, possession with intent to distribute, or making of child pornography, or in connection with the solicitation of a person less than 18 years of age, in violation of current law. The bill also (i) requires certain information to be provided by the law-enforcement agency responsible for the destruction, (ii) prohibits destruction of such items to be used in a criminal prosecution until all rights of appeal have been exhausted, and (iii) requires the law-enforcement agency to provide notice, by first-class mail, to the accused or other interested party, if known, and his attorney at least seven days prior to the destruction of the time and place the destruction will occur.

Budget Amendment Necessary: None

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia State Police, and the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council (CASC), there is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill.

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According to the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council (CASC), the impact of the bill is anticipated to be minimal, and any unforeseen fiscal impacts are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

Other: None.