

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

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Bill Number: HB1421

Patron: Keys-Gamarra

Bill Title: State Board of Local and Regional Jails.

Bill Summary: Moves supervision of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails from the Department of Corrections to the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman within the Office of the State Inspector General.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 56

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary:

The provisions of this bill transfer the Board of Local and Regional Jails (BORLJ) from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG). According to OSIG, the bill would result in an offsetting transfer of eight FTE and one wage employee and operating funding of \$1,313,776 general fund annually from DOC to OSIG. Additionally, new funding would be needed to cover the estimated \$37,716 cost of rent for BORLJ staff.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Office of the State Inspector General		\$1,351,492	\$1,351,492	\$1,351,492	\$1,351,492	\$1,351,492
Department of Corrections		-\$1,313,776	-\$1,313,776	-\$1,313,776	-\$1,313,776	-\$1,313,776
TOTAL		\$37,716	\$37,716	\$37,716	\$37,716	\$37,716

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Office of the State Inspector General		8	8	8	8	8

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Department of Corrections	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

Fiscal Analysis:

The provisions of this bill transfer the Board of Local and Regional Jails (BORLJ) from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG). Currently, BORLJ is under the supervision of the DOC with \$1,313,776 general fund and eight full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and one wage staffer budgeted for FY2027 and FY2028. To meet the provisions of this bill, these eight FTEs, one wage position, and associated funding would be transferred to OSIG. According to OSIG, additional positions may be required to assume supervision of BORLJ, however it is unclear if this position is needed at this time.

BORLJ's office space is currently located at DOC's headquarters. OSIG's staff currently occupies floors one, two, and four of Reid's Row in downtown Richmond. OSIG reports that additional space is potentially available on floor three of Reid's Row and estimates the additional space would cost approximately \$3,143 per month, \$37,716 annually. The cost to OSIG for BORLJ's VITA costs for ongoing items, software licensing, and equipment is unknown at this time.

DOC reports that the department would not incur any costs from this bill, but would have their general fund budget reduced by \$1,313,776, which is the budgeted amount for BORLJ expenses in FY2027 and FY2028.

Other: Similar to HB482.