

Department of Corrections
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), the agency currently captures all the information required by this proposal. To implement a process to receive, research, and respond to requests for confirmation of work performed while incarcerated, including work dating back to July 1, 2023, DOC reports they would need funding to support employee wages. DOC expects the majority of requests to come in the first year as individuals seek documentation for work performed from July 1, 2023. Therefore, the costs are front-loaded, totaling \$151,627 to support the wages of four Program Support Technicians. Over time, DOC expects request volume to decline as the pool of retroactively eligible individuals is exhausted. As such, the number of wage employees would be reduced to two in FY2028 for a total cost of \$75,814. In the out years (FY2029-FY2031), the number of wage positions needed would be further reduced to one, a cost of \$37,907 for ongoing support as DOC expects the workload to consist of incremental requests. Costs provided include Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and assume 1,500 hours worked annually, per wage employee.

The Board of Local and Regional Jails (BOLRJ) expects an operational and administrative impact as staff coordinate with individual jails to locate, verify and reconcile historical work information. However, the BOLRJ does not anticipate a fiscal impact from the bill.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) for the Supreme Court of Virginia, there is an indeterminate impact on the Courts.

Other: None.