Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1508E **Patron:** Phillips
Bill Title: Department of Corrections; investigations of violent incidents.

Bill Summary: The engrossed bill designates the Department of State Police as the law-enforcement agency responsible for investigating alleged serious violent incidents that result in the death of either an inmate or officer as well as alleged or suspected incidents of inmate suicide.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary:

According to the Virginia State Police (VSP), additional Special Agents would be required to investigate any alleged serious violent incidents that result in the death of either an inmate or officer at DOC. However, the number of Special Agents that would be needed is unknown at this time. According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), there is no anticipated fiscal impact from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis:

VSP reports this bill would require additional positions for Special Agents due to the number of DOC facilities in the state combined with the amount of time and evidence these cases require to be complete and stored. According to VSP, each additional Special Agent costs $162,569 per year or $195,279 per year if they are based in Northern Virginia (NOVA). Additionally, VSP states each Special Agent would require one-time sworn position costs (vehicle, uniform, equipment) of $177,712.

The number of additional positions that would be needed is not known at this time. This Fiscal Impact Statement will be updated if additional information is made available.

According to DOC, there is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill are expected to be covered with existing resources.

Other: None