Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB553ER **Patron:** Anderson
Bill Title: Department of Corrections; language services for offenders.

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill provides that the Department of Corrections shall take reasonable steps to provide offenders with limited English proficiency meaningful access to Department facilities, services, programs, and activities to ensure that language does not prevent Department employees from communicating effectively with such offenders. The enrolled bill removes the use of sign language as consideration for an offender to have limited English proficiency.

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

Fiscal Summary:

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Virginia Parole Board (VPB), there are no anticipated fiscal impacts from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis:

According to DOC and VPB, there are no anticipated fiscal impacts 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.