

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB1421ER

**Patron:** Keys-Gamarra

**Bill Title:** State Board of Local and Regional Jails.

**Bill Summary:** The enrolled bill instructs the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a stakeholder work group to evaluate the feasibility of transferring the administrative and supervisory authority of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (the State Board) from the Department of Corrections to another state agency or an independent oversight body. The work group shall be composed of interested parties and stakeholders, including (i) representatives from civil rights organizations; (ii) advocates for incarcerated persons and their families; (iii) formerly incarcerated persons; (iv) representatives from the Virginia Association of Regional Jails and the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; and (v) experts in correctional oversight and restorative justice. The work group shall evaluate the feasibility of various oversight models, including the establishment of a fully autonomous ombudsman's office or the integration of the State Board into the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman within the Office of the State Inspector General. The work group will submit its plan, recommend a timeline, and recommend any necessary legislative proposals for executing the transfer to the Chairs of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, House Committee on Public Safety, Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, and Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** See below.

**Fiscal Summary:**

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG), there are no anticipated fiscal impacts from this bill.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

According to DOC and OSIG, 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.

DOC is budgeted \$1,313,776 in general funds for the Board of Local and Regional Jails' expenses in FY2027 and FY2028.

**Other:** None