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

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Bill Number: SB453ER **Patron:** Stuart
Bill Title: Intentional discharge of untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth; penalty.

Bill Summary: Creates a civil penalty of up to $50,000 per violation for any person who intentionally discharges untreated sewage onto land or into waters of the Commonwealth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Health (VDH); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any costs VDH may incur can be absorbed within existing resources. Any revenue impact is indeterminate at this time.

Fiscal Analysis: It is assumed that minimal adherence to the provisions of this bill can be achieved within existing agency resources. The bill may result in additional state revenues from civil penalties of up to $50,000 per occurrence which shall be credited to the Environmental Health and Education Fund. The magnitude of any such revenues is indeterminate, as it depends on the frequency of violations and enforcement actions.

Other: None.