

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

currently pays the localities \$5.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail and \$15.00 a day for each state-responsible prisoner. It also funds a considerable portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g., correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2025), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$58.25 per inmate, per day in FY 2024.

Due to the lack of data, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission (VCSC) has concluded, pursuant to §30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, that the impact of the proposed legislation on state-responsible (prison) bed space cannot be determined. VCSC estimated the if this proposal impacts prison beds, the impact is likely to be small. In such cases, Chapter 7, 2026 Acts of Assembly, requires that a minimum impact of \$50,000 be assigned to the bill.

Other: Senate Amendment Item 390 #7s provides DOC \$50,000 in general funds for this bill.