

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB263

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Craig

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Investigation prior to release; input from the attorney for the Commonwealth.

5. Summary: This bill requires that when the Parole Board (the Board) is conducting the required investigation to determine if a prisoner will be released on parole, the Board must notify the attorney for the Commonwealth in each jurisdiction in which an offense occurred for which the prisoner is incarcerated, and that the attorney for the Commonwealth may submit input to the Board regarding the impact the release of the prisoner will have on public safety. The bill requires that once input has been received from an attorney for the Commonwealth, the input must remain in the prisoner's parole file and must be considered by the Board at every parole review. The bill clarifies that such input does not infringe on the Board's decision-making authority.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Parole Board, this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. Because the bill permits, but does not require, the attorney for the Commonwealth to provide input on the case, this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on Commonwealth Attorneys.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Parole Board,
Commonwealth Attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is companion to HB554.