

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB671

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

2. Patron: Hope

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Hope Card Program

5. Summary: The proposed bill requires the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to develop, and all district courts and circuit courts to implement the Hope Card Program (the Program) for the issuance of a Hope Card to any person who has been issued a permanent protective order by any district court or circuit court. The bill provides that a Hope Card issued pursuant to the Program shall be a durable, plastic, wallet-sized card containing, to the extent possible, essential information about the protective order, such as the identifying information and characteristics of the person subject to the protective order, the issuance and expiration date of the protective order, the terms of the protective order, and the names of any other persons protected by the protective order.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 42

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2024	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2025	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2026	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2027	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2028	\$94,693	1	General Fund
2029	\$94,693	1	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (“OES”) operates a grant-funded Hope Program in selected juvenile and domestic relations districts courts around the Commonwealth as a part of a piloted initiative. The proposed legislation would expand the existing program to cover any person who has been issued a “permanent” protective order by any juvenile and domestic relations district court, general district court or circuit court and who requests a Hope card.

OES estimates that the total cost to the court system to implement the bill is \$94,693 per year. Part of this funding (\$81,736 salary and benefits) would go toward creating a full-time

position for the Hope Card Program administrator, and the remaining (\$12,957) would support the administrative costs of the position.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Supreme Court

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None