

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB761S1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Availability of complaint forms used by Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission

5. Summary: The bill adds subsection B. to § 17.1-917 (Assistance and information; complaint forms) to indicate that in all state courts within the Commonwealth a sign must be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions to obtain a downloadable electronic version of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint from the official website of the judicial system of the Commonwealth.

The bill also amends § 54.1-3908.1 (Complaint forms) to establish that in all state courts within the Commonwealth a sign must be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions to access an online form or obtain a downloadable electronic version of a form developed and utilized by the Virginia State Bar for the filing of a complaint against a lawyer from the official website of the Virginia State Bar.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the requirements of the bill can be implemented utilizing current resources. The Virginia State Bar (VSB) reports that the complaint form required by the amendment to § 54.1-3908.1 is already on the agency's website and notice as to how to access the form can be provided to courts around the Commonwealth at minimal cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts and Virginia State Bar

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None