

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB749H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund; purpose; fee apportionment.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation establishes that the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall adopt guidelines to make funds from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund, which is used to support the prosecution of domestic violence cases and victim services, available to sexual assault service providers and hospitals for the purpose of funding the cost of salaries and equipment for sexual assault forensic examiners, sexual assault nurse examiners, and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners, with priority for funding such costs given to such forensic examiners and nurse examiners serving rural or underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation provides that DCJS is to adopt guidelines in order to make funds available to sexual assault service providers and hospitals for the purpose of funding the cost of salaries and equipment for sexual assault forensic examiners, sexual assault nurse examiners, and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners, prioritizing the funding of such costs for forensic examiners and nurse examiners serving rural or underserved areas of the Commonwealth. Because the proposed bill expands the program by creating additional eligible groups, the agency believes that current recipients may receive less funding than in the past. However, the agency has yet to determine the fiscal impact on other eligible groups at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB408.