# Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

| 1. | Bill Number     | HB2676       |            |           |
|----|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
|    | House of Origin | Introduced   | Substitute | Engrossed |
|    | Second House    | In Committee | Substitute | Enrolled  |
| 2. | Patron I        | Rhodes       |            |           |

**3.** Committee Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Emergency protective orders; criminal information network.

## 5. Summary/Purpose:

Permits, where feasible and practical, that the court or magistrate issuing an emergency protective order to forward the information regarding the order to the Virginia Criminal Information Network ("VCIN") electronically.

## 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final, see #8 below.

## 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

## 8. Fiscal implications:

Since the task is permissive on the part of the court or the magistrate, it is expected that the courts and magistrates agreeing to undertake this responsibility will be those who can absorb this responsibility without significant fiscal impact.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the court system currently has a grant to assist in connecting the courts to VCIN. In addition, the magistrates' system is in the beginning stage of setting up VCIN, although the fiscal impact for equipment purchases could be significant. The Department of Criminal Justices Services may have available grant funds that could possibly pay for, or offset, the costs to the magistrate system.

Law enforcement agencies may also be affected. However, to what extent this information may be provided by those courts with VCIN capability, and to what extent this may aid in their duties, cannot be determined.

**9.** Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The court system and law enforcement agencies.

## 10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

## 11. Other comments: None.

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