

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB999

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

**2. Patron**        McDonnell

**3. Committee**    SCourts of Justice

**4. Title**            Judicial performance evaluation program.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Requires the Supreme Court, by rule, to establish and maintain a judicial performance evaluation program that will provide a self-improvement mechanism for judges and a source of information for the reelection process. By September 1 of each year, the Supreme Court will transmit a final evaluation of each justice and judge whose term expires during the next session to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2004, but requires the Supreme Court to establish a pilot program beginning January 1, 2003.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:**

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	\$53,202	0	GF
2003-04	\$210,642	1	GF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 25.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The Supreme Court has developed plans for both a pilot and continuing program for judicial performance evaluation. The yearlong pilot program is designed to evaluate 25 judges and has an estimated annual impact of \$106,403 including personal services, consultant and related costs. This legislation requires the establishment of the pilot program beginning January 1, 2003. Therefore the fiscal impact for fiscal year 2003 will be \$53,202. The annual fiscal impact of the continuing program is estimated by the Supreme Court as \$314,881 and one fulltime equivalent position. Included in the costs are consultant expenses, salary expenses and associated costs. This legislation requires the establishment of the continuing program beginning January 1, 2004. Therefore the fiscal impact for fiscal year 2004 will be \$210,642, which includes \$53,202 for the remaining six months of the pilot program.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The Supreme Court, circuit and district court judges

10. Technicalamendmentnecessary:No

11. Othercomments:None

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