

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1003

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Mims

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Victims' rights.

5. Summary/Purpose: The introduce legislation propose to amend §§ 2.2 -511 and 19.2 -11.01 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-21.1 to expand the services and information that law enforcement, the attorney for the Commonwealth, the Attorney General's Office and correctional agencies must supply to victims of crimes. Victims will receive additional and timelier information about the investigatory process. Provisions that may be included in a victim impact statement are specified.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact of this legislation is uncertain. While there appears to be no impact on the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and Department of State Police (DSP), there will be an impact upon the Department of Corrections (DOC). DCJS also advises that there could be an impact upon its grantees. DCJS advises that the new responsibilities for the Commonwealth's Attorneys and law enforcement will likely fall to the local Victim Witness (VW) programs. While it appears clear that additional costs to localities will be involved, it is difficult to estimate the extent of those costs at this time.

DOC advises that there will be an impact on the local probation and parole offices it operates. Reporting requirements contained in the bill would add to the administrative and clerical workload of those offices. Although the bill is not explicit, it is assumed that probation and parole offices would have to send notification only to those victims that so requested. Without any information on the number of victims whom might make such requests, it is not possible to estimate the extent of the increase in paper work resulting from the bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Corrections, and Localities.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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