

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1234E

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

2. Patron Griffith

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to create the Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund. The Fund is to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, with the resources used to support the prosecution of domestic violence cases and victim services. The legislation also calls for a set-aside of \$10 from the \$20 tax on marriage licenses to be transferred to the Department of Social Services to fund services for victims of domestic violence.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 362 (GF).

8. Fiscal implications: The provision diverting \$10 from the marriage license fee to the Department of Social Services for services to domestic violence victims could cost the general fund approximately \$653,000 annually, approximately half of the \$1.4 million currently collected.

In addition, the language creates a special non-reverting fund called the Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund, but removes any identifiable funding source. This fund is to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services to be used as grants to support the prosecution of domestic violence cases.

It should be noted that should the Fund be supported by either general fund appropriation or non-general fund appropriation, the Department of Criminal Justice Services would likely require additional staff positions to administer the grant program.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Department of Social Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to SB237.

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