

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB237-E

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 Norment

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund.

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation creates 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 directs that the Fund shall be supported by raising court fees by \$2 and also sets-aside \$10 from the \$20 tax on marriage licenses to support additional Department of Social Services' domestic violence services.

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

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Items 362 (GF) and 430 (NGF).

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, from an additional \$2 fee added to all General District Court cases. The courts estimate that that fee will generate approximately \$2.6 million annually. 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.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services believes it will require two additional staff positions at a cost of approximately \$150,000 annually to administer the new Domestic Violence Victim Fund. Although not stated, it is assumed that these positions would be supported by the Fund.

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 legislation is similar to HB1234.

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