

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2814

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        McDonnell

**3. Committee**    Courts of Justice

**4. Title**            Compensation of court-appointed counsel.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that a court, for good cause shown, may increase the compensation of court-appointed counsel defending (i) a juvenile charged with an offense that if committed by an adult would carry a punishment of more than 20 years, or (ii) a person charged with a felony that carries a punishment of more than 20 years.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Cannot be determined. See item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Items 32, 33, 34, and 35.

**8. Fiscal implications:** There is no information available to accurately predict the fiscal impact of this legislation. Given that judges would have complete flexibility in determining the level of compensation increase for these cases, the Supreme Court notes that the potential impact to the Criminal Fund (pays costs for criminal indigent defense) could be significant. The general fund supports the expenses of the Criminal Fund.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Court System

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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