

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB808

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

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Human biological evidence.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This legislation proposes to amend and reenact § [19.2-270.4:1](#) of the Code of Virginia to require the Division of Forensic Science to store, preserve, and retain all biological evidence that is in its possession on July 1, 2005, and to develop an inventory of the evidence.

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

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06	\$116,000	2	GF
2006-07	\$116,000	2	GF
2007-08	\$116,000	2	GF
2008-09	\$116,000	2	GF
2009-10	\$116,000	2	GF
2010-11	\$116,000	2	GF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 427.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) advises that the legislation gives its Division of Forensic Science the responsibility of collecting, maintaining, preserving, and cataloging any, and all biological evidence in its care, custody, and control as of July 1, 2005. To accomplish this, DCJS estimates that the agency will initially need two full-time staff members, estimated at a cost of \$66,000, sufficient funds to rent secure warehouse space estimated at approximately \$40,000, and an after hours security monitoring contract costing around \$10,000.

DFS advises that it may be able to adapt new computer software currently being developed to meet the legislation's requirement to "develop an inventory or index of all such biological evidence that exists in its care, custody, possession, or control, including a brief description of the nature of such evidence, the case to which such evidence relates, and the physical location of such evidence." If not, the agency may have to incur additional costs to meet this requirement.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety