## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

| 1. | Bill Number     | HB234        |            |           |
|----|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
|    | House of Origin | Introduced   | Substitute | Engrossed |
|    | Second House    | In Committee | Substitute | Enrolled  |

**2. Patron** Jones, D.C.

## 3. Committee

- **4. Title** Domestic violence victim fund; name change; funding.
- **5. Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposes to amend and reenact §§ <u>9.1-116.1</u>, <u>16.1-69.48:1</u>, <u>17.1-275.1</u>, <u>17.1-275.2</u>, <u>17.1-275.7</u>, and <u>17.1-275.8</u> of the Code of Virginia, changing the name of the fund to the Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund (Fund) and provides for funding by adjusting fixed felony fees, fixed felony reduced to misdemeanor fees, fixed misdemeanor fees, and fixed drug misdemeanor fees.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See item #8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item #391.
- 8. Fiscal implications: This legislation changes the name of the Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund to the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund and increases the fixed fees for a number criminal and traffic convictions by \$2. While changing the name of the Fund will have no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth, the additional revenues generated by the increased fees should have a positive impact on the Fund. The Supreme Court of Virginia advises that monies dedicated to this Fund are collected only in criminal and traffic infraction cases in district courts and estimates that this legislation will provide an additional \$86,454 annually in revenues.
- **9.** Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Advocate organizations and the courts.

## 10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

**11. Other comments:** This legislation is identical to HB1409.

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