

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB798

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

2. Patron Fralin

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Virginia domestic violence victim fund; emergency funds.

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation proposes to amend and reenact § [9.1-116.1](#) of the Code of Virginia to provide that funds shall be made available for victims of domestic violence when a protective order is served on the primary source of monetary support for the family.

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

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain. The language of the bill requires that funds be made available to victims of domestic violence when a protective order is served on the primary source of monetary support for the family. The funds are to come from the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund. The impact on the Fund is uncertain as the information needed to determine the impact is not available. There is no statewide database of heads of households who are issued a protective order to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, courts, and victims of domestic violence advocacy organizations.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: It should be noted that using funds for this purpose would reduce the funds made available for grantees of the program presently supported by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund. In the first year of this program, DCJS received significantly more requests for funding than had funds available. DCJS reports that it received funding requests for \$4.9 million, with approximately \$3 million available. Fifty-nine localities received grants with funds split largely 50-50 between prosecutorial grants and victims' services grants. If passed, this legislation will increase the demand for the limited funds available for domestic violence grant programs, while providing no additional revenues to address this demand.

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