

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB290

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

2. **Patron**        K.Cuccinelli, II

3. **Committee**    Finance

4. **Title**            Special Jusices for Psychiatric Inpatient Commitment of Minors Act

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This bill allows special justices to perform mental commitment hearings of juveniles.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	\$136,700	0	General Fund
2007-08	\$136,700	0	General Fund
2008-09	\$136,700	0	General Fund
2009-10	\$136,700	0	General Fund
2010-11	\$136,700	0	General Fund
2011-12	\$136,700	0	General Fund

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** Currently, special justices who conduct a mental commitment hearings are paid \$86.25 per hearing. Sitting juvenile judges who conduct such hearings do not receive any compensation for those hearings in addition to their allotted salary. According to the Supreme Court, there were approximately 1,585 juvenile mental commitment hearings conducted by juvenile judges. If all of the mental commitment hearings of juveniles currently conducted by judges were to be conducted by special justices, then the annual fiscal impact of this legislation on the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund would be \$136,700. However, it is expected that some hearings will still be conducted by juvenile judges making the impact somewhat less.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Courts.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

**Date:** February 2, 2006