

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB188ER

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

**2. Patron** Herring

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Virginia Military Parents Equal Protection Act; creation.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Allows a court to enter a temporary order modifying custody or visitation based on a parent's deployment. Upon the motion of the deploying parent returning from deployment, the court shall hold an expedited hearing within 30 days. At the hearing, the nondeploying parent bears the burden of showing that reentry of the custody or visitation order in effect before the deployment is no longer in the child's best interests. The bill also requires that any temporary custody or visitation order entered pursuant to this Act shall provide that (i) the nondeploying parent shall reasonably accommodate the leave schedule of the deploying parent, (ii) the nondeploying parent shall facilitate telephonic and electronic mail contact between the child and the deploying parent, and (iii) the deploying parent shall provide timely information regarding his leave schedule to the nondeploying parent.

**6. No Fiscal Impact:** Final (see Item 8)

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This legislation has no fiscal impact on agency operations of the Courts.

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

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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