Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB2311ER
	House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
	Second House In Committee Substitute _X_ Enrolled
2.	Patron: Melvin
3.	Committee: Passed Both Houses
4.	Title: Construction, renovation, or maintenance of a courthouse; fees.
5.	Summary: Allows localities to assess an additional three dollar fee as part of the costs in each civil, criminal, or traffic case to be used solely for the construction of a courthouse. Such fee shall not be assessed in any civil action if the amount in controversy is \$500 or less. The additional fee may only be assessed by localities that, on or after January 1, 2009, operated a courthouse not in compliance with the current safety and security guidelines contained in the Virginia Courthouse Facility Guidelines and the courthouse cannot be feasibly renovated to correct the non-compliance.
6.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8
7.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
8.	Fiscal Implications: At the request of any county or city, the Department of General Services (DGS) must certify whether a courthouse meets the safety and security provisions of the Virginia Courthouse Facility Guidelines. Costs to DGS are indeterminate but reimbursable.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of General Services, counties, and cities.
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
11.	. Other Comments: None
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cc: Secretary of Administration