

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2526

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

2. Patron: Janis

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Judicial performance evaluation program**

5. Summary: Requires the Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to maintain a judicial performance evaluation program for the General Assembly and make annual reports to the Chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the House and Senate.

6. No Fiscal Impact. Preliminary. See Line 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. A transfer of funding (\$508,000) from the Supreme Court (Item 38) to Virginia Commonwealth University (Item 208) will be needed.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Supreme Court has funding (\$508,000 each year) within its budget to contract with Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Public Policy for the judicial performance evaluation program. If the proposed legislation is adopted, the current funding at the Supreme Court should be transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University to cover the costs of the program. The budget proposed by the House eliminates \$508,000 in funding from the Supreme Court, but does not provide any funding to VCU. The budget proposed by the Senate took no action to remove funding from the Supreme Court.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Virginia Commonwealth University
Supreme Court
General Assembly

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education