

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB837ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cuccinelli

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Authorized Users of State Law Library

5. Summary: Authorizes members of the General Assembly to designate one person to perform legal research in the State Law Library.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 34

8. Fiscal Implications: There are several day-to-day operational issues that need to be addressed in order to accurately determine the fiscal impact of this legislation. According to the Supreme Court of Virginia, this legislation would require, at a minimum, the hiring of a part time clerk at an annual cost of \$16,200 due to the expected increase in workload. Given the agency's budget cuts, it believes it cannot readily absorb this cost. Once the expectations of the legislative branch as it relates to access to the state law library are clearly understood and defined, the Supreme Court will be better able to determine if the cost related to workload increases may be able to be absorbed by utilizing existing resources. Neither the House or Senate proposed budgets included funding related to the provisions of this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Supreme Court of Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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