

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB56ER

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

2. Patron: Loupassi

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Multi-jurisdiction grand juries; numerous changes to laws governing

5. Summary: Makes numerous changes to the laws governing multi-jurisdiction grand juries, including:

- Secrecy in grand jury proceedings by every attorney for the Commonwealth, special counsel, sworn investigator and member of multi-jurisdiction grand jury,
- Reporting of evidence of certain criminal offenses to the attorney for the Commonwealth, United States attorney, chief law enforcement officer of any jurisdiction where such offense could be prosecuted or investigated or sworn investigator designated pursuant to § 19.2-215.6, or, when appropriate, to the Attorney General,
- Providing that the grand jury's subpoena power must be executed through special counsel and that such subpoenas must be returnable for a specific meeting of the grand jury,
- Allowing for the designation of specialized personnel for investigative purposes, known as sworn investigators, who may participate in grand jury proceedings at the request of special counsel or the grand jury,
- Providing that copies of tapes, notes, and transcriptions of grand jury proceedings will be maintained by the clerk of the circuit court in whose jurisdiction the multi-jurisdiction grand jury sits,
- The use of evidence produced by a witness and witness testimony before a multi-jurisdiction grand jury.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material impact on court operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts and local law enforcement officers

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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