

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB712

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

2. Patron: Loupassi

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Department of Treasury; Risk Management Division; liability coverage for certain pro bono, etc.

5. Summary: Department of Treasury; Risk Management Division; liability coverage for certain pro bono attorneys. Provides for inclusion under Treasury's local government risk management plan for attorneys providing pro bono legal services under a Virginia State Bar approved program. The bill requires the Virginia State Bar to pay the cost of coverage for eligible attorneys.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia State Bar currently pays \$2,039 a year for the insurance coverage described in the bill. The policy grants coverage of \$250,000 per claim, \$500,000 aggregate coverage, with a \$1,000 deductible.

The Division of Risk Management (DRM) believes that it can purchase coverage of \$1 million per claim, which would also be the cap amount, with a \$1,000 deductible. DRM believes that this coverage can be purchased for the same amount or less than what the State Bar currently pays. DRM currently provides the same liability insurance coverage to the Virginia Supreme Court for pro bono attorneys under a program approved by the Supreme Court. If a claim exceeded the coverage, the bill states that the State Bar shall pay the cost for coverage of eligible attorneys providing pro bono services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of the Treasury, Virginia State Bar

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB447 and SB486.