

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: HB 1954**

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

**2. Patron: McClellan**

**3. Committee: House Rules**

**4. Title: Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence**

**5. Summary:**

The proposed legislation would establish the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence as an advisory committee in the executive branch. The membership of the committee would include the following:

- Directors of the following state agencies, or their designees:
  - Department of Social Services
  - Department of Criminal Justice Services
  - Department of Health
  - Department of Housing and Community Development
- Executive director of the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition
- One member of the Virginia Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules
- One member of the Virginia House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
- Office of the Attorney General
- Five members appointed by the Governor, representing various statewide and local sexual and domestic violence organization and programs

The legislation directs the advisory committee to meet at least quarterly. Members of the advisory committee are not to receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for all necessary expenses. The bill stipulates that funding for the expenses of the meetings are to be provided from federal funds available to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Under the provisions of the legislation, the advisory committee is to have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Review operation of local sexual and domestic violence programs and provide guidance on standards for accreditation of such programs;
2. Review statewide plans and make recommendations on needs and priorities for provision of local services to victims of sexual and domestic violence;
3. Advise on all matters related to federal funds received by the Commonwealth for crime prevention and crime victim assistance related to sexual and domestic violence;

4. Promote coordination among state agencies and local service providers to improve the identification of and response to sexual and domestic violence;
5. Develop a comprehensive plan for data collection on sexual and domestic violence;
6. Identify service gaps and demands related to responding to the needs of sexual and domestic violence programs; and
7. Make recommendations on improving efficiencies in the administration of grants to sexual and domestic violence programs.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is directed to provide staff support to the advisory committee.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$2,112	Federal
2016	\$2,112	Federal
2017	\$2,112	Federal
2018	\$2,112	Federal
2019	\$2,112	Federal
2020	\$2,112	Federal

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

The amounts shown in Item 8 are the estimates of the expenses that would be incurred by members in attending meetings of the advisory committee. DCJS has sufficient appropriation for these expenditures.

DCJS currently has staff that provide technical assistance to local sexual and domestic violence programs and have general expertise concerning sexual and domestic violence who can provide any staff assistance needed for the advisory commission without the need for any additional resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Criminal Justice Services  
Local sexual and domestic violence programs

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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