

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1794

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

2. **Patron:** Simon

3. **Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Public accessibility of case management system.

5. **Summary:** Requires the case management system operated and maintained by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to be open to the public for inspection. The bill provides that the case management system shall be searchable by party name, charge (for criminal cases), filing type (for civil cases), hearing date, and case number across all localities and that the entire compilation of records contained in the system shall be made available.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 40

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$1,687,559	General Fund
2018	\$63,409	General Fund
2019	\$63,409	General Fund
2020	\$63,409	General Fund
2021	\$63,409	General Fund
2022	\$63,409	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the proposed legislation will require comprehensive information system enhancements as shown in the following table:

Required Work	Cost (Cost frequency)
Mainframe Upgrades	\$999,186
Software enhancements	\$27,652
*Database licensing	\$63,409
Develop new search capacity and data export/download feature	\$230,112
Data conversion, hosting and synchronization (\$183.600 per court)	\$367,200

*Database licensing is an annual expense

Currently, there are two courts (Fairfax and Alexandria) that do not use the OES case management system. The cost of data conversion, hosting and synchronization for these two courts is captured in this fiscal impact statement. However, if additional courts opt to use a private vendor, the fiscal impact to OES to comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation would be an additional \$183,600 per court which is not included in the expenditure impact of this fiscal impact statement.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None