

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1501 - E

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Senate

4. Title: Victim's right to notification of scientific analysis information.

5. Summary: The engrossed bill requires the law enforcement agency that received a physical evidence recovery kit (also known as sexual assault kit) to notify the victim, a parent or guardian of a minor victim, or the next of kin of a deceased victim (the victim's family) of the completion of the analysis. Upon the request of the victim's family, the law enforcement agency must provide information from the analysis of sexual assault kits received prior to July 1, 2016, to the victim's family. Chapter 332 of the 2016 Virginia Acts of Assembly requires local law-enforcement to provide information from these kits to the victim's family effective July 1, 2016. The bill provides that law enforcement shall not be required to disclose the results of any analysis to an alleged perpetrator. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Forensic Science the proposed legislation has no fiscal impact on its operations. The impact to localities and state law enforcement agencies is indeterminate.

The Commission on Local Government issued an estimate of local fiscal impact on the introduced version of the bill on January 25, 2017. Overall, localities anticipate a negative but indeterminate fiscal impact because it would require additional staff time, training, research, notifications etc.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science, the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Corrections, local and regional jails, localities, and state and local law-enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None