

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB483

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

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Restitution; collection; Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

5. Summary: Adds to the duties of the Workers' Compensation Commission in its role as administrator of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (Fund) the obligation to identify and locate victims for whom restitution owed to such victims has been deposited into the Fund. The bill provides that clerks shall deposit into the Fund on an annual basis restitution collected for victims who can no longer be identified or located. The bill requires that clerks record the receipt of restitution payments in the Virginia Supreme Court's automated information system and that the restitution form used by the court include the victim's contact information, including address, telephone number, and email address.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (Item 490 of HB 30)

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$173,960	2.00	NGF
2020	\$148,160	2.00	NGF
2021	\$148,160	2.00	NGF
2022	\$148,160	2.00	NGF
2023	\$148,160	2.00	NGF
2024	\$148,160	2.00	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), the proposed legislation would require the agency to hire two additional staff to conduct the location and identification searches of victims for whom restitution owed to has been deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. The estimated base salary for each position is \$40,000. The total cost for each VWC position, including benefits, is \$71,980 in FY 2019 and \$74,080 in FY 2020. The estimated personal costs are based on the employee benefits funded in Senate Bill 30, 2018. There is an estimated one-time cost of \$30,000 in FY 2019 for furniture and equipment expenses.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Supreme Court, Virginia State Crime Commission, Virginia State Police, local law enforcement agencies, Virginia Senate, and Virginia House of Delegates.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to Senate Bill 562 (Obenshain).