

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 426

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

2. Patron: Wexton

3. Committee: Senate Finance

4. Title: Victims of domestic violence

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would require that, upon the issuance of any protective order, a court or magistrate provide the petitioner for the protective order a list of local resources available to assist victims of sexual and domestic violence. The legislation would require the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence to compile the lists, review it annually, and distribute them to the courts and magistrates for dissemination.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications:

Because the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is directed by statute to provide staff support to the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence, it would be responsible for implementing the provision of this legislation. The agency may need to employ some staff, at least on a part-time or temporary basis, to compile the initial lists of local resources and to update them annually and DCJS estimates that the annual printing and distribution costs will be approximately \$25,000. DCJS administers a special fund, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund, which has as one of its purposes the provision of services to victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and family abuse. It is expected that revenues currently available from the Fund for the administration of its programs may be sufficient to implement the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence
Circuit and general district courts
Magistrates

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.