

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB487

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

**2. Patron:** Edwards

**3. Committee:** Passed Both House

**4. Title:** Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act; civil penalties; rate of inflation.

**5. Summary:** Raises the amounts for the civil penalties in the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act from not less than \$5,500 and not more than \$11,000 to not less than \$10,957 and not more than \$21,916. The bill also provides that these amounts shall automatically increase as prescribed by the Federal False Claims Act, in which the civil penalties are adjusted to the rate of inflation.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** FINAL - Indeterminate, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would increase the civil penalties under the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act from not less than \$5,500 and not more than \$11,000 to not less than \$10,957 and not more than \$21,916, and then adjust them automatically to account for inflation. These penalties are paid into the general fund, however, the revenue impact to the general fund as a result of this bill is indeterminate.

The Courts state that while these actions are brought in a court, the bill is not likely to increase the number of these actions and therefore there is no fiscal impact on the court system.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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