

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB545ER

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

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Court reporters

5. Summary: The bill establishes ethical standards and requirements for the provision of court reporting services. The bill further provides that a person who violates these standards is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense, \$750 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third and any subsequent offense, which shall be collected by the clerk of the appropriate administrative body, court, or administrative tribunal and deposited in the state treasury. The bill also establishes that all penalty funds collected under the bill provisions should be credited to the Legal Aid Services Fund ("Fund") with the Virginia State Bar responsible for facilitating disbursements from the Fund. The Fund aids indigent litigants through nonprofit legal aid programs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia (OES) and the Virginia State Bar, the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on either agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None