

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB827

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

**2. Patron:** Howell

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Increase in courthouse and courtroom security assessment

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill increases from \$10 to \$20 the maximum amount a local governing body may assess against a convicted defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse and courtroom security.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposal is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state funding, but is expected to generate revenue for localities. The Office of the Executive Secretary (“OES”) of the Virginia Supreme Court Courts receives a monthly report from General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts indicating the amount of revenue collected from courtroom security fees. The proposed bill would allow localities to increase the court cost assessment against a convicted defendant in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court from \$10 to a maximum of \$20.

According to a report from the OES, localities received \$13.4 million in revenue from courthouse/courtroom security fees. Assuming the number of cases each year, and localities assess the maximum assessment allowed under this provisions of this bill, local revenue generated each would increase from \$13.4 million to \$26.8 million.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Sheriff’s Office, Courts of Clerks, and Treasurers.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None