

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB89

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

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Testimony of children in civil proceedings involving child abuse or neglect

5. Summary: Adds proceedings involving family abuse protective orders to the list of civil proceedings involving alleged abuse and neglect of a child for which a court may order that the testimony of certain child victims or witnesses be taken outside the courtroom via two-way closed-circuit television.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation amends the statute that provides for video testimony of child witnesses to include protective order proceedings. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the bill does not require localities or the court to acquire closed circuit video equipment; therefore, there is no fiscal impact on the court system.

The Virginia State Police (VSP) performs the installation of closed-circuit television equipment for the court system. According to VSP, if additional localities or courts elect to install this equipment, the agency may have to hire an additional television engineer position. The estimate total cost for a television engineer position and work vehicle is \$66,600:

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, and Virginia State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None