

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2317

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

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence; membership; duties.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation modifies § 9.1-116.2 related to the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence (Advisory Committee), its membership and duties, and § 9.1-116.3, related to the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee (Committee).

Changes to § 9.1-116.2(A) increases from 15 to 19 the total number of members of the Advisory Committee by adding the Executive Director of the Virginia Victim Assistance Network, removing a the board of the Virginia Victim Assistance Network, and by increasing from six to nine the number of non-legislative citizen members. Changes to § 9.1-116.2(A) also modify the make-up of the membership of the Advisory Committee by increasing from four to eight the number of individuals from local sexual and domestic violence programs, replacing the requirement that such individuals be directors with the requirement that they be representatives from such organizations. The bill also modifies § 9.1-116.2 (A) to specify that non-legislative citizen members shall include racial and ethnic diversity and shall be representative of regional and geographic locations of the Commonwealth.

The proposed legislation also does the following:

- Removes from § 9.1-116.2(B) the definition of a full term and language governing the filling of a vacancy on the Advisory Committee;
- permits in § 9.1-116.2(E) the use of state funds, in addition to federal, received by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), for the purposes of reimbursing members of the Advisory Committee for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (as provided in § 2.2-2825);
- removes language from § 9.1-116.2(F) governing the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee, and adds the promotion of appropriate and effective responses, services, and prevention for sexual assault and domestic violence across the Commonwealth, and the promotion of strong communication, coordination, and strategy at state, regional, and local levels to the Advisory Committee's duties and responsibilities;

- adds language to § 9.1-116.3(A) which requires DCJS to provide staff support to the Committee;
- modifies language in § 9.1-116.3(A) which changes the makeup of the Committee to include:
 - one nonvoting member representing the Department of Criminal Justice Services;
 - one nonvoting member appointed by and representative of the Department of Social Services;
 - and 12 non-legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, who shall be leadership staff of local sexual and domestic violence programs.
- stipulates that the Committee's non-legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years, provided that no voting member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment;
- establishes that members of the Committee appointed by the Governor shall not be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms, and that the appointment of members shall take into consideration racial and ethnic diversity and shall be representative of regional and geographic locations of the Commonwealth;
- establishes in § 9.1-116.3(A) that the Committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members and in § 9.1-116.3(B) that a majority of the voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum;
- establishes in § 9.1-116.3(C) that members of the Committee shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2825;
- outlines in § 9.1-116.3(D) the duties and responsibilities of the Committee; and
- outlines in § 9.1-116.3(E) the duties and responsibilities of DCJS.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Criminal Justice Services reports that it does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of the changes in the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.