

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB404H1

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

**2. Patron:** Delaney

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Admission into evidence of certain forensic medical examination reports by sexual assault examiners.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation permits a sexual assault nurse examiner or sexual assault forensic examiner who performed a forensic medical examination to testify by two-way video conferencing if certain specified provisions are met. Additionally, the bill establishes that nothing in the section shall be construed as requiring a locality to purchase a two-way electronic video and audio communication system, and that any decision to purchase such a system is at the discretion of the locality.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council and the Courts do not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of the proposed legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Commonwealth Attorneys; Courts.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.