

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1943

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Runion

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**    Crime victim rights; notification from the attorney for the Commonwealth.

**5. Summary:** This bill requires an attorney for the Commonwealth to consult with a crime victim in a felony case to (i) inform the victim of the contents of a proposed plea agreement and (ii) obtain the victim's views about the disposition of the case. The bill provides that the victim must be notified of any proceeding in which the plea agreement will be tendered to the court. Under current law, such consultation and notification is required only upon the victim's request.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of Attorney General and the Virginia Parole Board, this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. The impact this bill may have on Commonwealth Attorneys is not known at this time. If additional information becomes available, this impact statement will be revised.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Commonwealth Attorneys, Office of Attorney General, Virginia Parole Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None