

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1244 H1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act; notifications to victims; Attorney General.

5. Summary: Current law requires that in a felony case, the attorney for the Commonwealth, upon the victim's written request, must consult with the victim either verbally or in writing (i) to inform the victim of the contents of a proposed plea agreement and (ii) to obtain the victim's views about the disposition of the case, including the victim's views concerning dismissal, pleas, plea negotiations and sentencing. The substitute bill provides that whenever the Attorney General represents the Commonwealth in any criminal appeal, he must consult with the victim in the same manner.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of Attorney General, this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Parole Board or the Department of Corrections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Office of Attorney General

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None