

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2526

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| House of Origin | <u>X</u> | Introduced | ___ | Substitute | ___ | Engrossed |
| Second House | ___ | In Committee | ___ | Substitute | ___ | Enrolled |

2. Patron: Janis

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Judicial performance evaluation program**

5. Summary: Requires the Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University to administer the judicial performance evaluation program for the General Assembly and make annual reports to the Chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the House and Senate.

6. No Fiscal Impact. Preliminary. See Line 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. A transfer of funding from the Supreme Court (Item 38) to Virginia Commonwealth University (Item 208) will be needed.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Supreme Court has funding (\$508,000 each year) within its budget to contract with Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Public Policy for the judicial performance evaluation program. If the proposed legislation is adopted, the current funding at the Supreme Court should be transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University to cover the costs of the program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Virginia Commonwealth University
Supreme Court
General Assembly

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Delegate Janis has submitted a member amendment to transfer \$508,000 in FY 2010 from the Supreme Court to the Division of Legislative Services.

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cc: Secretary of Education