

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1429

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
 Second House                  In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Whipple, M.

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Domestic Violence Grants

**5. Summary:** This bill increases from \$20 to \$35 the tax on marriage licenses. The amendment earmarks \$10 of this \$15 increase to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for grants to provide services to children and youth who have been exposed to sexual and/or domestic violence.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.**

**6.a. Expenditure Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars*</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i>  |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2009               | -               | -                | -            |
| 2010               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |
| 2011               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |
| 2012               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |
| 2013               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |
| 2014               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |
| 2015               | \$580,000       | -                | General Fund |

\*This impact reflects the \$10 tax increase provided to DSS being expended on the required grants.

**6.b. Revenue Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i>  |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2009               | -              | -                | -            |
| 2010               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |
| 2011               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |
| 2012               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |
| 2013               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |
| 2014               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |
| 2015               | \$870,000      | -                | General Fund |

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 341.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Code of Virginia provides that a license tax of \$20 be levied on each marriage license issued by the clerk of a circuit court. Once collected this tax is accounted for as in the case of other state taxes collected by the clerk. However ten dollars of this license tax is allocated to DSS for the purpose of providing services to victims of domestic violence.

This bill would increase the tax by \$15, ten of which is earmarked for DSS to provide grants for services to children and youth who have been exposed to sexual and/or domestic violence. The remaining five dollars of this increase is not specified for a purpose and it is assumed that the revenue would go to the general fund.

The department reports that approximately 58,000 marriage licenses were issued in FY 2007. Therefore, this bill would generate an additional \$870,000, with \$290,000 ( $58,000 * \$5$ ) going to the general fund and \$580,000 ( $58,000 * \$10$ ) going to DSS for the provision of the specified grants. Additional staff time will be needed for the administration of the grant, but it can be absorbed with existing staff.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Social Services  
Clerks of the Circuit Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/28/2009

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