

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1061

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

**2. Patron:**        Herring

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**        Lethality assessments; Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a lethality assessment program for first responders and to adopt guidelines to make the resources of the Fund available to law enforcement authorities or appropriate programs to implement an evidence based lethality assessment program.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 393

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

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$203,606	2	Non General Fund
2015	\$206,918		Non General Fund
2016	\$206,918		Non General Fund
2017	\$211,056		Non General Fund
2018	\$211,056		Non General Fund

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is designed to identify victims of domestic violence who are at risk of being seriously injured or killed by their intimate partners and immediately connects them to the domestic violence service provider in their area. The LAP is a two-pronged intervention process that features a research-based lethality screening tool and an accompanying referral protocol that provides direction for officers on how to initiate appropriate action based on the results of the screening process. The process begins when an officer arrives at the scene of a domestic violence call.

This fiscal impact statement was prepared with assistance from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV). MNADV is the organizer of the nationally recognized Maryland Lethality Assessment Program. They provide training and technical support to other organizations and states seeking to implement such a program. According to MNADV, the recruiting of domestic violence programs and law enforcement agencies to participate in a LAP is labor intensive and the ongoing monitoring is even more difficult and

labor intensive. In the case of the State of Maryland, the rollout of the program took seven years to complete.

DCJS estimates that 2 additional positions are necessary to implement Virginia's LAP.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Criminal Justice Services and local law enforcement agencies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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