

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB979ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Retention of case records; general district court

5. Summary: Permits the chief judge of a general district court to direct the clerk of that court to destroy documents related to civil and criminal cases that have been ended for a period of three years, provided that they have been microfilmed or converted to an electronic format. Currently, such documents must be retained for 10 years. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation allows for an expedited destruction of older general district court records, in cases where specific criteria have been met and the court has an electronic records conversion program. Since this legislation only expedites a practice already being performed by the courts, it's not expected to have any material fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Same as HB1451

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