

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB272ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Loupassi

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Judicial Performance Evaluation Program

5. **Summary:** Requires the establishment of a judicial performance evaluation program by the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill requires the submission of evaluation reports on justices and judges whose terms expire during the next session of the General Assembly. The reports are due to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by December 1 of each year. Such reports to the General Assembly are public records, but all other records created or maintained by or on behalf of the program are confidential.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 34

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$240,000	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Governor's introduced budget includes \$50,000 in FY15 and \$240,000 in FY16 to reinstate the Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) Program. The \$50,000 in FY15 will provide for one time database set up and programming costs only. Since this bill requires the first set of evaluation reports to be transmitted to the General Assembly by December 1, 2014 and assuming the funding included in the introduced budget is approved, an additional \$240,000 is needed in FY15 for first year operating survey and evaluation costs.

In amendments to the introduced budget, the House includes \$240,000 in general fund support in FY15 for the JPE program.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None

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