

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB318

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

**2. Patron:** Vogel

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

**4. Title:** General district courts; days of operation

**5. Summary:** Provides that the clerk's office of every district court shall be kept open for the transaction of business on every day except Saturday, Sunday, and the statewide legal holidays designated in the Code of Virginia. Currently, the days of operation are set by the Committee on District Courts.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under the proposed legislation, district court clerk's offices would be required to open every day except Saturday, Sunday, and the days provided for under § 2.2-3300 of the Code of Virginia.

Generally, it is not anticipated that this legislation would have a material fiscal impact on the courts. In situations where the Governor grants additional holidays, it could possibly require the closing of district courts after many cases have already been scheduled. This could impact the public as those cases would likely need to be continued.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Same as HB825

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