

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB35

<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:** Stanley

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

**4. Title:** Capital cases; appointment of counsel.

**5. Summary:** Provides that when the defendant whose capital offense was charged by warrant in district court requests appointment of counsel, the case must be referred to the circuit court for appointment of counsel. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Since district and circuit court procedures differ, this legislation would require coordination of procedures between courts. That said, it is believed any fiscal impact associated with this legislation can be absorbed using existing resources. Although the process outlined in the bill is already occurring in many jurisdictions, this legislation would clarify the process and ensure counsel is appointed timely.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None