

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB50

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

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Reported from Finance.

4. Title: Courthouse and courtroom security; assessment.

5. Summary: Increases from \$10 to \$20 the maximum amount a local governing body may assess against a convicted defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse and courtroom security.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposal is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state funding, but is expected to generate revenue for localities. The Office of the Executive Secretary (“OES”) of the Virginia Supreme Court Courts receives a monthly report from General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts indicating the amount of revenue collected from courtroom security fees.

According to figures provided by OES, in FY 2015 localities received \$13.6 million in revenue from courthouse/courtroom security fees. Assuming the same number of cases each year, and doubling the fee from \$10 to \$20 as proposed in the legislation, it is expected that the local revenue generated each year would increase from \$13.6 million to \$27.2 million.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Sheriffs’ offices, Circuit Court Clerks, and Treasurers.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB223.

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