

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1501

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Victim's right to notification of scientific analysis information.

5. Summary: The bill requires local law-enforcement agencies to provide information from the analysis of physical evidence recovery kits (also known as sexual assault kits) received prior to July 1, 2016, to the victim, a parent or guardian of a minor victim, or the next of kin of a deceased victim. Chapter 332 of the 2016 Virginia Acts of Assembly requires local law-enforcement to provide information from these kits to the victim, a parent or guardian of a minor victim, or the next of kin of a deceased victim effective July 1, 2016. The bill provides that law enforcement shall not be required to disclose the results of any analysis to an alleged perpetrator. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Forensic Science the proposed legislation has no fiscal impact on its operations. The impact to localities and state law enforcement agencies is indeterminate.

The Commission on Local Government issued an estimate of local fiscal impact on January 25, 2017. Overall, localities anticipate a negative but indeterminate fiscal impact because it would require additional staff time, training, research, notifications etc.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Forensic Science, the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Corrections, local and regional jails, localities, and state and local law-enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None