

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB545ES1

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

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Court reporters

5. Summary: Establishes ethical standards and requirements for court reporters and court reporting services. The bill provides that a person harmed by a violation of these standards may file a complaint with the administrative body, court, or administrative tribunal in which the action upon which the legal proceeding is based is pending or is scheduled to be heard. If a violation is found, the court reporter or court reporting service may have its authorization or registration to do business in the Commonwealth suspended or revoked.

The bill further provides that a person who violates these standards is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense, \$750 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third and any subsequent offense, which shall be paid to the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and the Virginia State Bar, the proposed bill is not expect to have a material fiscal impact on either agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, and Virginia State Bar

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None