Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB988

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

2. **Patron:** Batten

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Compensating victims of crime; persons eligible for award; grandchildren.

5. **Summary:** Includes grandchildren of the victim of a crime, who are alive at the time of the commission of the crime, in the list of persons eligible for compensation as a result of the death of the victim (i) as a direct result of the crime or (ii) due to the victim's trying to prevent a crime or attempted crime from occurring or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had committed a felony.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Indeterminate – see Item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation allows grandchildren of a crime victim to be eligible for awards provided through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF), which is administered by the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC). According to the VWC, the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is indeterminate as the number of additional claims filed and awarded through the CICF as a result of the passage of this legislation cannot be determined. The VWC may also experience an increase in its current workload to process additional claims filed and awarded through the CICF; however, the increase in the VWC's administrative costs cannot be determined.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.