

Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1242ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Personal appearance by two-way electronic video and audio communication

5. Summary: The proposed bill provides that with the consent of the court and all parties, an appearance in a court may be made by two-way electronic video and audio communication for the purpose of (i) entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and the related sentencing of the defendant charged with a misdemeanor or felony, (ii) entry of a nolle prosequi, or (iii) adjudication of an alleged violation of probation. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Line #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the proposed bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None