Department of Planning and Budget
2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1429

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

2. **Patron:** Anderson

3. **Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

4. **Title:** Supplementing compensation for public defenders

5. **Summary:** The proposed bill requires the governing body of any county or city that elects to supplement the compensation of the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any of his deputies or employees, above the salary set by the Compensation Board to proportionally supplement the compensation of the public defender, or any of his deputies or employees, commensurate with the compensation of the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any of his deputies or employees, and to pay for such additional compensation from the funds of the county or city.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill does not create a fiscal impact on state agencies.

   However, the bill will likely create a fiscal impact on those localities that provide local supplements to Compensation Board funded positions in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. The bill would require those localities that pay local supplements to Compensation Board funded positions in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices to pay a commensurate local supplement to their public defender office. According to data from the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC), an estimated 19 cities and 22 counties could be impacted to varying degrees because some localities pay no local supplements to public defenders, and some pay a small supplement that is less than what is allocated to Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. However, there is not sufficient data to calculate the total fiscal impact on localities.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local governments, and the Indigent Defense Commission.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None