

## Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2120

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hudson

**3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Access to aggregated nonconfidential case data for public institutions of higher learning

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill allows the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, at the request of a public institution of higher education, to enter into an agreement to provide aggregated, nonconfidential case data, including names and partial dates of birth of parties, in electronic format. The bill specifies that such data shall not be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 42

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill specifies that the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) may require the requestor to pay the costs associated with providing the requested data.

According to OES, the Online Case Information System (OCIS) that retains case information for the trial courts would need to be modified to meet the provisions of the proposed legislation. The cost associated are as follows:

<b>OES Estimated Expense to implement HB2120</b>	<b>FY24 Estimated Cost</b>
IT Contractor Costs (system enhancements) (6,485.2 hours at \$95 per hour)	\$616,094
System Development (court practices professionals) (360 hours at \$42 per hour)	\$15,120
Database Nodes licenses (2 licenses for a total of \$15,000 annually)	\$15,000
Hardware (Blade server, central processing units, and memory at one-time cost of \$90,000)	\$90,000
<b>Total Estimated Expense</b>	<b>\$736,214</b>

The ongoing expense for FY 2025 and beyond is estimated to be \$15,000.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None