

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2411

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: House Appropriations

4. Title: Attorney fees in emergency custody and voluntary and involuntary civil admissions cases

5. Summary: The proposed bill increases the fee that a court-appointed attorney receives for representation during emergency custody and voluntary and involuntary civil admissions from \$75 to \$120 for each hearing and from \$43.25 to \$70 for each certification hearing.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill increases the fee paid to attorneys appointed under § 37.2-806 (Judicial certification of eligibility for admission of persons with intellectual disability), and every attorney appointed pursuant § 37.2-809 through § 37.2-820 from \$75 to \$120 and the necessary expenses for each hearing from \$43.25 to \$70.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (“OES”), the systems maintained by OES do not have the ability to break down attorney fees paid under the provisions outlined in the budget to determine the specific type of commitment hearing for which an attorney was appointed. Therefore, while the OES believes the proposed bill is expected to have a fiscal impact upon the amounts expended for attorney fees, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None