

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB811

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: Senate Committee on the Judiciary

4. Title: Appeals of interlocutory decrees or orders

5. Summary: The proposed bill prohibits the appeal of certain interlocutory decrees or orders relating to affirmance or annulment of a marriage, divorce, custody of a minor child, spousal or child support, control or disposition of a minor child, or any other domestic relations matter arising under Title 16.1 (Courts Not of Record) or 20 (Domestic Relations) of the Code of Virginia.

The bill also restores the Court of Appeal's jurisdiction over appeals of orders granting or denying pleas of immunity. Under current law, such orders are appealable to the Supreme Court.

The bill requires the Virginia Family Law Coalition to study appeals of interlocutory decrees and orders involving domestic relations matters in the Commonwealth and to report the findings of such study to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee for Courts of Justice by October 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), 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