

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB811S1

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 substitute bill amends § 8.01-675.5 (Appeal of interlocutory orders and decrees by permission; immunity) to restore 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 that the Supreme Court of Virginia promulgate rules no later than July 1, 2023, governing the appeal of an interlocutory order granting or denying a plea of sovereign, absolute, or qualified immunity.

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