

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2032-H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Glass

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Compensating victims of crime; awards from Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

5. **Summary:** Provides an exception to the general rule that a victim must fully cooperate with all law-enforcement agencies in order to receive an award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund in those instances where the law-enforcement agency certifies that the claimant or award recipient was willing but unable to cooperate due to a good faith belief that such cooperation would have endangered such claimant or award recipient and such claimant or award recipient was not provided with any victim or witness protection services when such protection services were requested.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC) estimates the proposed legislation would have an annual fiscal impact of up to \$2,765,000. The VWC's estimate is based on the past several years of denied Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) claims because of failure to cooperate with law enforcement. The highest annual number of denied claims occurred in 2021 with 79 denied CICF claims. Those 79 claims were multiplied by the \$35,000 cap on a CICF claim award to arrive at the fiscal impact of up to \$2,765,000 each year.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.